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ITALIANS PUT UP FIGHT IN DERNA OPERATIONS

Majority Of Defenders Get Away

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent at G.H.Q.
of the Middle East)

THE LITTLE FISHING PORT OF DERNA, WHICH FELL EXACTLY A WEEK AFTER TOBRUK, WAS TAKEN BY THE IMPERIAL FORCES FOLLOWING AN OPERATION WHICH LASTED TWO OR THREE DAYS. THIS CONSISTED OF A SERIES OF MINOR ACTIONS.

There was no zero hour as at Tobruk and Bardia. Instead, British and Australian troops first captured the outposts, then mopped up final resistance and drove out the Italian garrison.

The garrison was believed to have numbered 10,000, the majority of whom escaped.

Derna, nearly 100 miles further along the coast than Tobruk, is provided with a good water supply.

After the fall of Tobruk, British patrols continued their swift push forward which took them to the region of Gazala, 40 miles west of Tobruk, within the next two days.

This advance was carried out despite harassing attacks by enemy aircraft on the British mechanised forces.

Italians Fight — For A Change

Although the Derna position was without deep dugouts or permanent defences, there is understood to have been more resistance from the Italians than in any previous battle along the coast.

The Italian artillery poured shells into the British positions. As the advance continues the terrain is becoming increasingly difficult.

The British mechanised forces no longer have flat desert over which to advance and, owing to hills and ravines, they are forced to remain largely on roads.

Slower Advance

There are many points between Derna and Benghazi where a determined enemy would be able to make a stand if desired.

It may thus be expected that the rate of the British advance will slow down. — Reuter.

INDO-CHINA STIRRINGS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

According to reliable reports received in Kwong Chow Wan over 20 Japanese warships were sighted steaming in the direction of Haiphong yesterday.

It is also rumoured that some 3,000 troops belonging to artillery units are assembling at Haiphong to embark for Saigon. Our Own Correspondent.

BRITISH TRAWLER SUNK

The trawler Pelton has been sunk, announces the Admiralty. A communiqué issued in London yesterday. The news of kin of casualties were informed. — Reuter.

President Roosevelt's Promise Of Further Aid

Fresh assurances of the United States' "firm determination to continue assistance to Britain on an ever-increasing scale" were given by President Roosevelt to Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador, in formal exchanges which took place after Lord Halifax landed at Annapolis, it is now revealed by the State Department.

The Department yesterday published the text of President Roosevelt's remarks to the British Ambassador when he presented his credentials on landing. — Reuter.

Raiders Go For Balloons

London experienced another day of intermittent air raid alerts following Wednesday night's fire-bomb attack which again was defeated by civilians. German aircraft, working singly, dropped bombs in the London area and in parts of south-east England and east Anglia.

Some houses and shops were damaged but the number of casualties so far reported is small.

German fighters reverted to their pastime of last summer of shooting at barrage balloons.

Thick fog and low clouds above which the balloons floated obscured the raiders from the A.A. defences but they were given a hot reception.

One German plane was destroyed by fighters in the afternoon over Essex. — Reuter.

ANGLO-U.S. CONTACT ON FAR EAST

SIR J. S. WARDLAW-MILNE ASKED IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY WHETHER THE UNDER-FOREIGN SECRETARY COULD GIVE AN ASSURANCE THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IN ALL MATTERS AFFECTING RELATIONS WITH CHINA AND JAPAN ARE WORKING IN CLOSE CO-OPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

Mr. R. A. Butler replied: "As has been made clear on more than one occasion in the past, the Government maintains contact with the United States Government in all matters of common interest; and that remains our policy." — Reuter.

AMERICA SHOULD DECLARE WAR

Mr. James Gerrard, who was the United States Ambassador to Germany from 1913 until the United States entered the Great War, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday that he favoured an American declaration of war against Germany.

He predicted the Nazis would seize Mexico if Britain were defeated.

Relying to further questions Mr. Gerrard said a declaration of war might not actually be necessary provided President Roosevelt was given fuller powers under the Lease and Lend Bill to aid Britain. — Reuter.

able German colony, are becoming noticeable.

A large number of pamphlets are being circulated in various parts of the country and are filtering into tribal areas adjoining the British Indian frontier. — Reuter.

Top news from the field of science this year was the brand new electric refrigerator for home use. Resulting from more than three years of rigid laboratory tests and experiments, the new refrigerator is triple-acting for new-perfect preservation of all types of food.

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Hitler Threatens Britain In Usual Blustering Speech

Reiteration Of An Old Nazi Theme

"IT IS USELESS to predict any differences with Italy or that Italy will slide out, and it is equally useless to invent revolutions in Italy," declared Hitler in the course of his message to the German people, delivered from the Sports Palace in Berlin yesterday afternoon.

"Wherever we can strike at Britain," Hitler added, "we shall strike. If the British think to see proof of their victory in a few misfortunes which have befallen our partner I do not understand their argument."

Speaking of his relations with Mussolini, Hitler said: "We two are neither Jews nor business dealers. If we have joined hands this is the hand-clasp of men of honour."

Continuing, Hitler said: "If the British think that by propaganda and lies they will alienate the German people I must say they should not have slept so long."

"It is as ridiculous as their present attempts to try and bring about an estrangement between the Italian people and the Duce."

Prayer To God

"We enter the New Year with an armed might which is prepared as never before in German history."

"This Spring we will begin U-boat warfare and our enemies will then feel we were not asleep."

"We are confident we shall achieve victory. We pray to God that he may not forsake our struggle in the New Year, 1941."

After the speech Joseph Goebbels, the Propaganda Minister, shouted: "Command, my Fuehrer! We obey and shall follow you!"

When The Hour Strikes

Earlier in his speech Hitler said: "I have read on several occasions that the English intend to start a great offensive somewhere."

"I would ask them to let me know about it beforehand. I would then have that area in Europe evacuated."

"I would gladly spare them the difficulties of a landing and we would express our views once again, using the only language they understand."

"We stand here on this continent, and from where we stand nobody can move us."

"We have created certain bases. When the hour strikes we shall deal decisive blows."

American Aid

"And that we have made the most of our time they will be taught by history this year."

"They are calling for America. We have taken into account every possibility in advance."

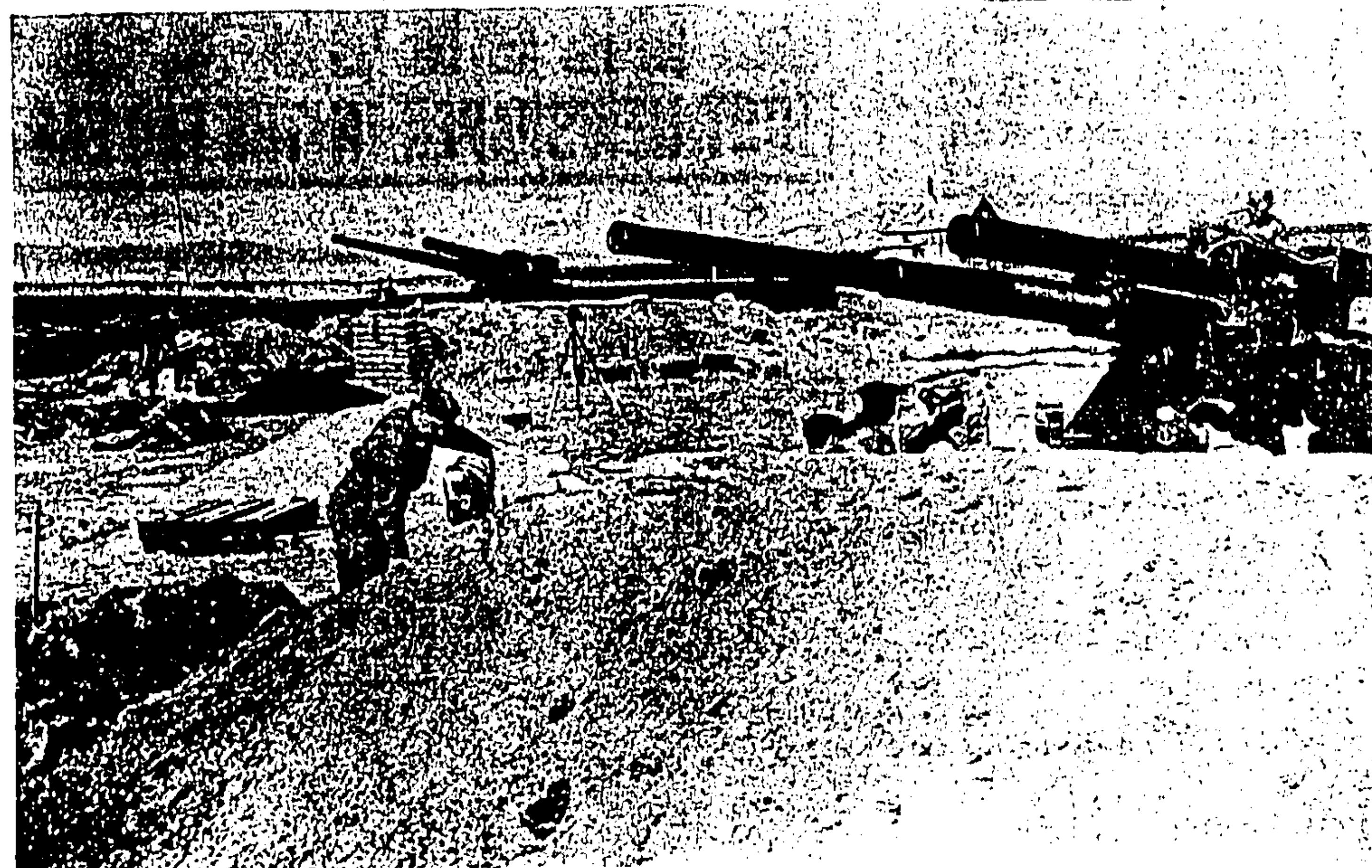
Hitler added that Germany had never had any interest on the American Continent. — Reuter.

MR. N. L. SMITH BACK IN COLONY

The Honourable Mr. N. L. Smith, Colonial Secretary, returned from Chungking yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Smith stated that the visit to Chungking was a personal one and was not on official business.

Mr. Smith left for Chungking last Monday.



BRITISH AND CANADIAN TROOPS IN ICELAND—Two of the Anti-Aircraft guns.

SOUTH AFRICAN AIR BLOW TO ITALIANS

ONE OF THE MOST successful operations carried out by the South African Air Force on three successive days, dealing a crippling blow to the Italians without loss on their part, is described in a cable from Nairobi to-day.

ARMY BILLET FEE IS NOT ENOUGH

Women who have been puzzling their brains how to feed soldiers billeted in their homes on 2s. 7d. per day might just as well give it up.

Military authorities admit it can't be done—that is, if there are only one or two soldiers.

"We have gone into the complaints we have had about the inadequacy of the allowance," Colonel K. Martin, chief billeting officer for the Northern Command told a reporter.

"We admit that a housewife with only one or two soldiers to please cannot do all she would like to do for them unless she is in a position to give them something from her own larder."

"That is why many women who have sufficient accommodation are asking for four and even six soldiers to be billeted on them."

"The aggregate amount they receive enables them to give the men all they think they should have."

One thing the Army is proud of is that the women of Britain, generally speaking, are enthusiastic to have soldiers billeted in their homes. They regard it as a privilege and a patriotic duty to be able to give men away from their own homes some of the comforts of the fireside and better cooking.

Billeting officers in the Northern Command have now commandeered 17,000 buildings, from small houses to mansions and factories, as winter quarters for troops.

Rental claims are being paid at the rate of 500 a week.

If it is six months or more before some property owners receive their money it cannot be avoided.

King Victor Emmanuel also sent a congratulatory message to Hitler cordially replied. — Reuter.

As a result the car park at Oegoh, housing over 150 vehicles, has been completely gutted.

The Yavello aerodrome has sustained severe damage and one Caproni has been destroyed and others damaged while at Sciasciomanna, over 40 miles beyond the frontier and halfway to Addis Ababa, six other Italian aircraft were destroyed or seriously damaged.

Pilots of two squadrons flew 100 miles over wilderness inhabited by hostile people — over a distance on some occasions longer than the R.A.F. have to cover when they bomb Berlin. — Reuter.

MUTUAL AXIS BACK SCRATCHING

"Comradely greetings" from Mussolini to Hitler are expressed by the Duce in a telegram to the Fuehrer on the eighth anniversary of his accession to power.

This, says Mussolini, "finds Italy and Germany fraternally allied in the final revolutionary fight for the creation of a new Europe."

Mussolini adds: "The whole Italian nation unites with me on the occasion of this celebration in unchangeable loyalty and with unshakeable resolution to fight to final victory."

Hitler, replying, says: "Shoulder to shoulder with our friendly ally, the Italian nation, Nazi Germany, in many fights on determinedly, and with sure consciousness of her ultimate victory for a new Europe."

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AIR RAID ON SUEZ CANAL ZONE

The Suez Canal area was subjected to an air raid yesterday morning. Bombs were dropped but no damage caused and there were no casualties.

Alerts were sounded in Cairo and other places in lower and upper Egypt as the enemy passed over towards the Canal area. — Reuter.

DON'T BLEAT

"It is no use bleating about everyone being in the front line and then just sitting still," declared Mr. A. M. Lyons, M.P. for East Leicester, at Leicester.

"Every effort must be made now, not when it is too late. There should be communal feeding, communal housing, shelter, sleeping and entertaining arrangements made everywhere. It is high time we were prepared in every area for whatever calamity may occur."

The housewife's table must also be protected. He was determined to secure that the newly-appointed food investigation committee had powers to prosecute and take immediate action against any exploiter.

Prices should be fixed for all food-stuffs. That should not be done after they had soared beyond the reach of the housewife's purse, as was the case with onions.

COMMONS QUESTIONS ON KESWICK AFFAIR

A QUESTION WAS PUT in the House of Commons yesterday by Sir J. S. Wardlaw-Milne (Cons.) regarding the wounding of Mr. W. J. Keswick, Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, at the Ratepayers' Meeting.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replying, said the British Ambassador had made strong representations about the disorderly conduct of Japanese ratepayers and had pressed for early and suitable punishment of Mr. Hayashi, the assailant.

The Japanese Government had informed our Ambassador that Mr. Hayashi was being brought back to Japan for trial and everything would be done to prevent a recurrence of the incident, which was greatly regretted.

Mr. Butler was glad to say that Mr. Keswick's wounds were not serious and he was expected to leave hospital soon.

Sir J. S. Wardlaw-Milne suggested the Government inform Tokyo that the Japanese claim for further representation on the Council would not receive the support of the British Government.

Mr. Butler said: "I have nothing further to add in reply to questions." — Reuter.

HERTZOG HONOURED

A Bill granting General Hertzog, ex-Premier of the Union of South Africa, an annual pension of £2,000 was passed by the All-States Assembly yesterday at Cape Town.

The Prime Minister, General Smuts, said that the pension was intended not as a favour but as an honour for a man who led the country through some of its most troublesome days.

In a tribute to General Hertzog's sincerity and determination to do the best for his people, General Smuts expressed the hope that General Hertzog would continue to serve the country and that the Hertzog tradition, which kept public life in the Union free from corruption, would remain the tradition of South Africa. — Reuter.

WILLKIE HAS A FEW DRINKS

From Park Lane To Mix With Labourers

"As Good As An Armistice Day To Us"

MR. WENDELL WILLKIE threw convention to the winds yesterday when he left his Park Lane hotel and went to a public house, where he had a pint of beer and played darts with builders and labourers.

He stood drinks to a party of soldiers on leave and at the invitation of the landlord went behind the bar, pulled himself a glass of beer and joked with the barmaid.

LEASE AND LEND BILL PASSES COMMITTEE

President Roosevelt's Lease and Lend Bill to aid the Democracies was yesterday approved by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives.

Earlier the Committee was reported to have rejected an amendment placing a limit of \$2,000,000,000 on the Lease and Lend proposals. —Reuter.

MATILDA FOR LUCK

Matilda, rescued from one of the bombed areas of Britain, has become the mascot of a road convoy company of the A.T.S. at a Northern Command depot.

She brings luck to the "Do-or-Die Brigade" of the A.T.S. does this timid little refugee. She has been with them in the three-ton lorries they drive in Army Transport companies all over England, Scotland and Wales.

It was a bit rough on Matilda when the rest of the girls clapped on their tin hats and carried on like true British soldiers as the bombs crumped and the shells whistled. For there was no tin hat to fit her.

Matilda is a tame mouse, the cutest little thing in black and white mice that ever nibbled a morsel of cheese from the hand of a pretty girl.

Rescued in Raid

Sub-Leader Elizabeth Webster rescued her at a pet shop near London when her convoy pulled up during an air raid.

On convoy runs, which sometimes last three to five days, Matilda nestles on the front of Sub-Leader Webster's tunic.

"We met some Polish airmen at a dance the other night," Elizabeth told a reporter. "The boys were all taken up with Matilda."

It wouldn't be surprising if the boys were just a little interested in Elizabeth herself, too. If Matilda is a little timid at times, there is nothing in the least chicken-hearted about the other girls in the big A.T.S. family she has joined.

They're a grand lot, and the greatest compliment that can be paid to them is to call them "soldiers."

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Afterwards Mr. Willkie and the landlord toasted each other in a bottle of champagne which the landlord had been keeping for armistice day "but you are as good as an armistice day to us."

Mr. Willkie signed his autograph many times before leaving for lunch at Claridge's with the Lord Chancellor, Lord Simon, who afterwards conducted Mr. Willkie on a tour of the bombed Temple.

Mr. Willkie shook his head when he saw the ruins of the historic Middle Temple Hall and the damaged Inner Temple Library and Hall and said: "It seems unbelievable. This destruction is all so utterly useless from the point of view of Germany's war effort."

Call At Admiralty

Accepting a glass of brandy from the famous cellars, which were untouched by the raids, Mr. Willkie toasted the "restoration of the Temple."

Later Mr. Willkie called at the Admiralty where he saw the First Lord, Mr. A. V. Alexander, and was shown the famous map room during an air raid.

Afterwards Mr. Willkie said he saw Mr. Alexander for about half an hour, and also talked with other officials.

"We discussed the whole naval situation and things that are most needed. Everyone talked to me with complete candour and the visit was very instructive."

English Justice

Speaking of his lunch with Lord Simon, Mr. Willkie said they talked about the English courts system and the way justice was functioning under war conditions.

"I had the impression that English courts were still open and free and operating under old-established rules modified only by war regulations." —Reuter.

WANG MAN KILLED

Chi Hsiang-ching, manager of the Hui Yuan Native Bank in Ningpo Road in the International Settlement, Shanghai, was fired upon by two gunmen yesterday morning when he was leaving his residence in Rue Krueger in the French Concession. He received two bullet wounds in the head and succumbed instantly. Both gunmen escaped after the shooting.

It is said that Chi served concurrently as an expert of the Central Reserve Bank organised by the Wang Ching-wel regime. —Central News.

ARMED RAID IN TERRITORIES

Six men armed with revolvers and daggers raided a village hut in Pao Heung Village, Au Tau, New Territories, last night. They escaped afterwards with over \$200 in money and articles.



INDIAN SOLDIERS LUNCH TIME "POW WOW"—Indian soldiers in London entertain each other and onlookers during their lunch break. Photo shows a tin hatted Indian soldier doing the native dance to the music of the "tom tom" and clapping of hands. (Fox, Copyright.)

SUCCESSOR TO MR. LINDSELL

The appointment of Mr. Paul Ewart Francis Cressall as Puisne Judge, succeeding the late Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, has been announced.

Leave for Mr. Cressall to South Africa en route for Hong Kong is under consideration.

Mr. Cressall is one of the four British Presidents of the District Court, Palestine.

Born in 1893, Mr. Cressall was educated at Crayleigh School and entered the civil service in 1911 when he was posted to British Guiana and attached to the Police. On the outbreak of the war he was a lieutenant in the British Guiana Militia Infantry and served as captain with the British West Indies Regiment in East Africa and Palestine from 1915 to 1919, being awarded the Military Cross.

Returning to British Guiana after the hostilities he was again attached to the Police and, passing his final law examination in 1921, was called to the bar at Gray's Inn in 1923. After various positions in the police and judicial departments of the Colony he eventually rose to be chief stipendiary magistrate, in which post he acted as chairman of several Royal Commissions.

Mr. Cressall went to Palestine as senior British Magistrate in 1931 and was appointed to the District Court in 1933.

LOOTERS HOLD UP RESCUERS

While Home Guard and A.R.P. men were rescuing people buried at night beneath a bomb-wrecked public-house in London, a gang of four men looted other premises nearby.

Home Guards had to stop rescue work to prevent further thefts.

Occupants of one damaged house returned home from a public shelter to discover that clothing kept in their Anderson shelter was missing.

"I left a new coat in the shelter and it had gone when I returned home," Miss Isabella Matt told a reporter. "An old age pensioner lived with us, and he is greatly upset because a shirt he had just bought had also been stolen."

Four men were seen near a provision shop, the door of which had been broken. A Home Guard guarded it all night.

AINTRÉE CLASSIC ABANDONED

THE WORLD-RENNED STEEPLECHASE, THE GRAND NATIONAL, WILL NOT BE RUN THIS YEAR AND PROBABLY NOT AGAIN UNTIL AFTER THE WAR.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Home Secretary, told the Commons yesterday he had considered a proposal to hold a substitute Grand National at Cheltenham, instead of the normal venue at Aintree, but reached the conclusion that this fixture was undesirable. —Reuter.

A.R.P. AGAINST BABY-KILLERS

An air-raid shelter is to be built for children only in a district of the Forest of Dean, where, so far, air raids are unknown.

The shelter, it is believed, is the first of its kind to be planned in the country.

It is to be built by the West Dean Civil Defence Committee because of the fear that children at a local recreation ground, which is some distance from the nearest houses, may be machine-gunned by the Nazis.

The county architect and the Regional Commissioner are now being consulted on the matter.

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PETS FIND FRIEND IN RAIDS

Every night for the past few weeks, Mrs. Slater, who lives in a Midland city, has been leading a real cat-and-dog life — and liking it.

She is the hostess of animal refugees.

During recent air raids, many domestic pets, terrified by the noise of guns and bombs and the glare of fires, have fled blindly through the streets, and found sanctuary with Mrs. Slater.

Mrs. Slater, who is an Animal Guard for her district, takes in the frightened creatures, soothes their nerves, and looks after their wounds.

Finding The Owners

That is not all, for in the morning she gets busy trying to track down the owners of the animals.

On some occasions she has had as many as 15 strays in her house for the night, and if she hears that any property has been badly damaged she goes to the spot right away to discover whether animals are needing help.

Her house is packed with cats and dogs, but in some way she always seems to find a little extra space for any stray that comes along.

MR. "ANON" CHOPS STICKS 3 HRS. A NIGHT

One day every week during the dinner hour an elderly, shabbily-dressed workman slips quietly into the Council House, Bristol, and lays a ten shilling note on a table for the Lord Mayor's Red Cross fund.

No one has ever known his name or address, but I traced him to his home in Summer Street and found he was Ernest Venn, a brewer's labourer.

Reluctantly he told me the story of that weekly ten shilling note . . . a story of self-sacrifice that should make rich and injured people think.

Ernest Venn leaves his home every morning at six o'clock and returns two hours later.

In the past he has had a hobby which has occupied his evenings and his spare time. He collects beautifully coloured woollen mats which his wife proudly uses in their little home.

In Last War

The last mat he started lies unfinished.

For Mr. Venn is devoting every spare minute to raising money for the Red Cross.

He is doing it by chopping up sticks he sells to the neighbours as firelighters.

"I am fifty-three," Mr. Venn said, "and I am afraid I am too old to do anything else but help in this way."

"I served in the R.A.M.C. in the last war, so naturally I want to do what I can for the Red Cross."

"I saw there was a lot of old wood lying about in our brewery, so I asked the management if I could take it."

"As soon as I have my supper I spend three hours each night, air raids or not, chopping wood."

"I am a tidy man and I like to cut every stick the same length so that the people who buy the bundles can't grumble."

"My motto is: Two a penny as long as there's any, and my boy John, aged fifteen spends his Saturday afternoons delivering sticks."

"I have cut 250 bundles in five weeks. My wife helps me all she can, and she swears she is quicker at chopping than I am now."

"Last week one of my neighbours helped by raffling vegetables, and I was able to take in 25s."

"I am going on chopping sticks and tying them into bundles till the end of the war."

BEDROOM ATTACK

ON WOMAN

Jose Edward Robert Clement, aged forty-six, recently employed as manager of a club in Brunswick-Terrace, Hove, was at Hove committed for trial charged with inflicting grievous bodily harm on Mrs. Winifred May Richards, proprietress of the club.

The prosecution alleged that Clement burst open the door of Mrs. Richards's bedroom, which had been secured with two bolts and barricaded with a heavy desk.

He knocked her down, kicked her, and struck her on the head with a heavy chair. It was alleged. After saying, "I'm going to do you in," he had a heart attack and staggered from the room.

A WOMAN REGENT

Matsaba Mantababa, wife of the late Seiso Griffith, famous Paramount Chief of Basutoland, was elected Regent of Basutoland — subject to confirmation by the British High Commissioner — at a meeting of the Grand Native Council at Maseru yesterday.

She is the first woman ever to be admitted to the deliberations of the Council Chamber and the first woman Regent.

The new Paramount Chief is the three-year-old son of Seiso Griffith. — Reuter.

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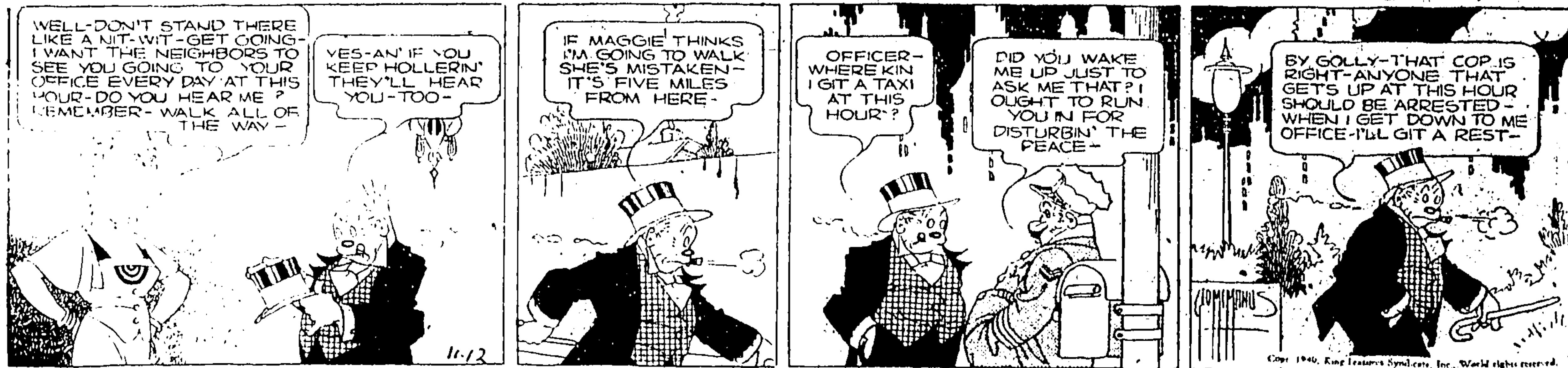
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BOMB PROCESSION CHEERED BY A HIDDEN CROWD

Helen Kirkpatrick, London correspondent of the "Chicago Daily News," sent the following cable to her paper on a different kind of procession from those seen by newspaper correspondents in European capitals in peace-time:

At first when the manager of a canteen London hotel approached windows which had been left open and untenantable of lunches with the news, everyone, from the Chief Whip, between them and the majestic Captain Marseeion, to lowly canteen waiters, looked startled.

"What do you mean?" the police have ordered everyone out of the hotel during the procession?"

"That's the order," said the manager, spreading his hands in depreciating fashion. "Actually the police said that everyone must go 50 yards from the street for the procession, but I'd advise 3,000 yards."

In good order the guests paid their bills and left by the back door, not, as might be thought, in fear of what first seemed the Gestapo-like activities of the British police, but in genuine respect for a procession which was to pass down a famous London thoroughfare on the stroke of time.

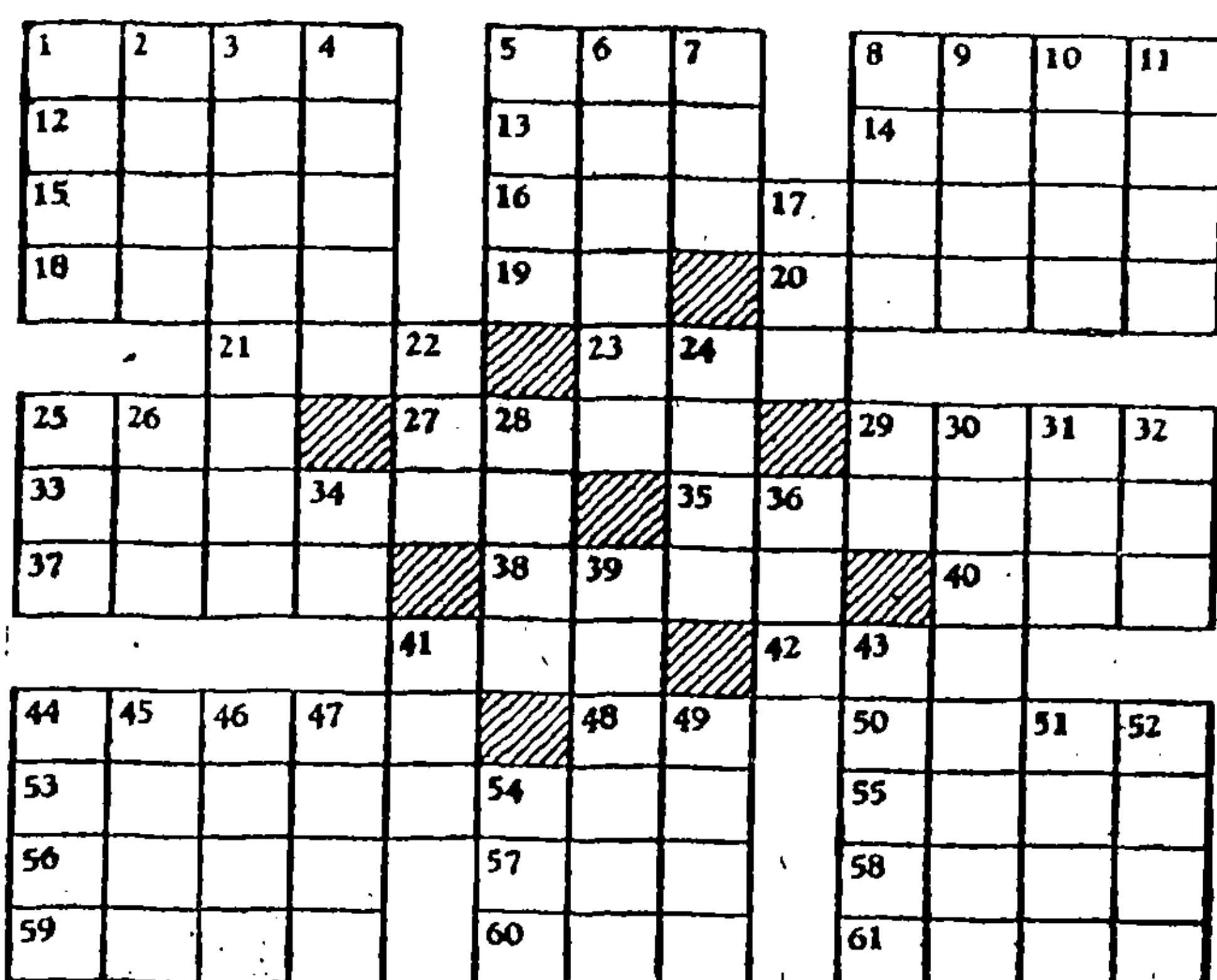
Peeping out behind a solid stone building a good 30 yards from the street, we watched the mysterious procession passing.

Slowly from unseen crowds equally well hidden behind buildings all along the street came

RECORD AT THE KING'S

For the first five days of the road-show engagement of "Tiger of Bagdad" at the King's Theatre the total box office receipts amounted to \$19,500.00, while over 18,000 people saw the picture on the first five days. The last house record was established by "Good Earth" which played seven days and the total gross for the run was only \$19,000.00.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- Vertical pole
- Resort
- Gammon
- Ancient musical instrument
- Swiss canton
- Booth
- Colloquial
- To vex
- Lemon-coloured
- Molten rock
- Pronoun
- Group of eight
- Dutch
- commune
- Pig-pen
- Woodland deity
- Opening for passage
- Ancelet
- Egyptian alloy
- To fix firmly
- Impact
- Yucatan
- Indian
- Small particle
- Wager
- To wander
- To jostle
- Ascended
- Latin conjunction

50 British Island in the Pacific
53 Lethargic
55 Acrie
56 Dash
57 Man's name
58 Solar disc
59 Withered
60 Scotch cap
61 Constellation

1 Poetic: the earth
2 Continent
3 State of being able to pay all legal debts
4 To stop
5 Similar
6 Ecclesiastic

7 Isle
8 Fish sauce
9 Origin
10 Chills and fever
11 To over-power
17 Masculine personal name
22 The self
24 Trial
25 Knave of clubs
26 Literary scraps
28 Soi
29 Land measure
30 Gravity
32 To plegie
33 Convened
34 Exclamation
36 Persian

37 City in the Ukraine
41 To acquire
43 Year's record
44 Aviators
45 Part
46 Persian poet
47 Normal
49 Squad
51 Employer
52 Sicilian volcano
54 Cereal grass

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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BATTLE AT A.R.P. CENTRE

How a crowd of 200 people, led by a girl of 21, forced the gates of the Stepney A.R.P. Control Centre in an attempt to see Captain Beaumont, the A.R.P. Controller, was told at Old Street.

Five people were further remanded on bail, charged with contravening the Public Order Act by using insulting behaviour.

They were Simon Levy (37), Anthony Street, Stepney; Simon Herschenal (24), Plough Street, Stepney; Michael Myer Neidle (29), Beaumont Square, Mile End; Ivan Seruya (27), Christian Street, Stepney; and Alice Kirson (21), Christian Street, E.

Rushed Gates

Alice Kirson was further charged with assaulting a War Reserve constable and Neidle and Seruya with having obstructed a police sergeant.

Please of "Not guilty" to all charges were entered.

For the prosecution, it was alleged that on the afternoon of October 20 War Reserve Police-constable Fuller, on duty at the gates of the Control Centre, saw a number of people coming, and closed the gates.

Miss Kirson, who was leading, demanded to see Captain Beaumont and he asked her to wait.

Instead, she shouted, "We are going inside to see the —" and struck him.

She shouted to the crowd to rush the gates, and they did so.

After A.R.P. workers tried to stop the crowd, and lights occurred, police were ordered to clear the yard when an alert sounded.

The defendants were then alleged to have shouted such remarks as "Come on, let's get a' the yellow—," and encouraged the crowd to attack the police.

It was said that Herschenal unsuccessfully tried to attack Sergeant Cocks, and that Kirson referred to the police as "Yellow Fascist—," and called on the people to "Have a go."

When she was arrested by that officer, Seruya jumped on his back. Sergeant Cooper than took hold of the girl, and Neidle tried to trip him up.

Entitled To See Him

Counsel added that the people apparently wanted to see the A.R.P. Controller in connection with an air-raid shelter. And he was not suggesting that they were not entitled to see him. But they tried to force their way into a place where obviously there ought not to be any disorder, particularly during air-raid warnings.

P. C. Fuller, cross-examined, denied that he saw the police with their batons out, and that they hustled the crowd out very roughly.

LOOTED BOMBED CATHEDRAL

Edward Wilfred Chrich, aged twenty-eight, engineer, of Loughborough, was sentenced at Coventry to three months' hard labour for looting in the ruins of Coventry Cathedral.

He stole a church register for the year 1760.

When it was stated that Chrich visited Coventry on a cycling tour, the magistrate strongly condemned such visits.

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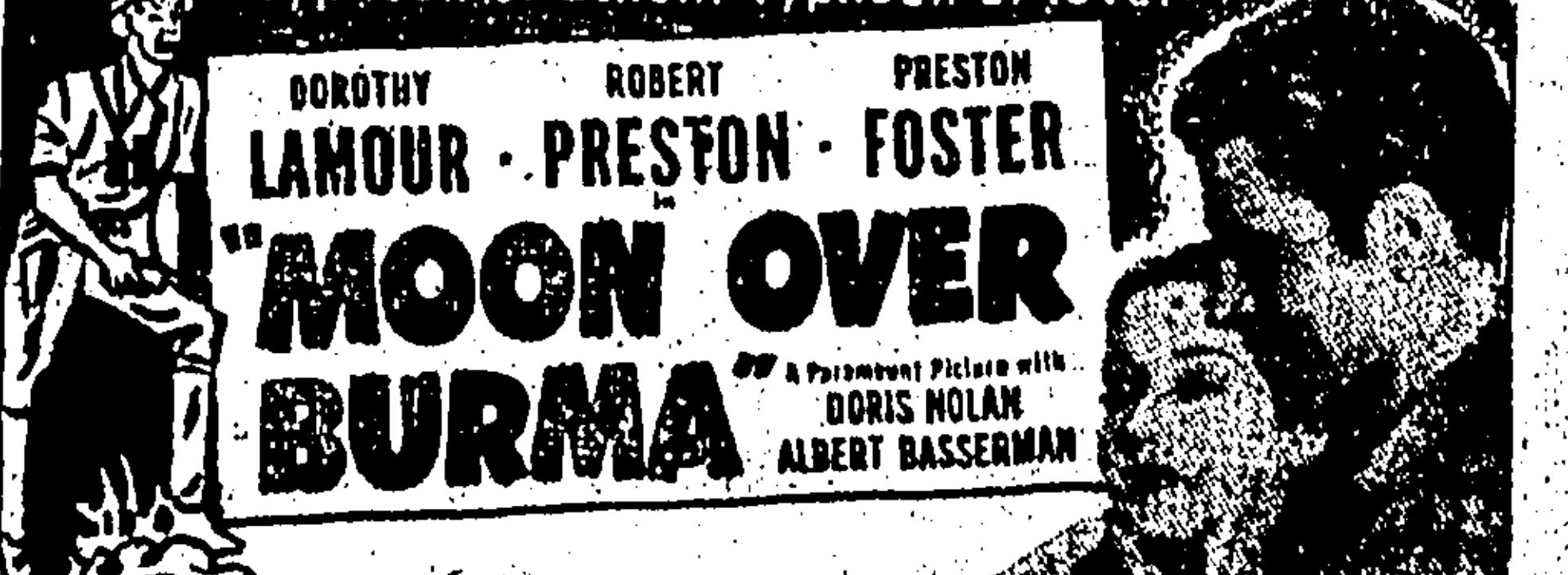
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MIDLANDS RALLIED TO AID COVENTRY

(By RITCHIE CALDER)

THE WHOLE OF the Midlands has been organised to help the people of the Stricken City of Coventry. I have seen to-day the efforts which are being made. What has impressed me most is the way in which the authorities are applying, under difficulties, the lesson of London.

The bomb devastation, by its very concentration, is worse than anything I have found — even in London. The death roll was stated to exceed 250.

I have been out along the road over which people trekked with their baggage away from the ruins of their homes.

And I have met them coming back — men mostly, on their way back to work, but also lots of women going to salvage what they can of their homes.

These incredible women of Coventry climbed over ruins to the fragments of their houses. In the kitchens, among all the debris, they contrived to cook their husbands' meals. And in the evening they went back to the rest centres in the country, where their families were being cared for.

Soup Kitchens

Those who came from parts of the city were barred off by cordons to-day from their homes because the blasting of dangerous structures was going on.

Hundreds of thousands of loaves have been sent in from surrounding cities and districts.

Mobile canteens at the street corners provided mid-day meals. Soup kitchens were opened.

Wrecked public-houses were open and doing a boisterous trade, though each customer had to bring his own glass.

Since the middle of the night of the raid, while the bombs were still dropping regional authorities have been in the district trying to prevent a breakdown of social services.

Miss Florence Horsbrugh, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health, came down with a staff from London to supervise the arrangements for dealing with the homeless and to organise the removal of casualties and hospital cases.

Flying Squad

Ministry of Health inspectors over a wide area received an SOS telling them to abandon all work and to make for Coventry. Those who had cars brought others, and they formed a flying squad which linked up and organised the shattered organisation in Coventry.

There had been 14 rest centres in Coventry. After the bombing only four were fit to function.

Since then some of the others have been restored.

Nevertheless, by an urgent summons in the early hours of Friday, centres in Warwickshire, Northamptonshire and Leicestershire were called on to throw open their doors and receive the homeless of Coventry.

A large service of buses was concentrated on Coventry, but the tremendous difficulty was to get the transport near the scenes of the devastation.

Marshals, under the direction of Ministry of Health officials, went through the district with Ministry of Information vans, helping as far as possible, telling the people where to go.

Sleeping Out

It is true that hundreds slept in the open throughout the first night, and, indeed, many of them slept again the following night and last night.

Miss Florence Horsbrugh assured me that there was no need whatever for anyone to sleep out. They had search parties and marshals patrolling every road out of Coventry and well into the country, telling people where they could find shelter and food.

As I came along the road I saw large numbers of cars and caravans parked in fields where people had spent the night.

But I found also, over a very wide area on all the many roads which radiate out of Coventry, an elaborate system of rest centres. Every authority had responded to

the needs of the outraged city. I found, in the ballroom of a village hotel, several hundreds of people comfortably provided for in a well-heated atmosphere with abundant mattresses and blankets.

Soldiers Help

Here the local soldiers had come to the rescue as a spontaneous piece of cooperation.

In another centre in the same village I found meals being prepared for hundreds more in Army field kitchens. Gradually, the relief services of the Ministry of Health, of the region of the local authority, and of all the voluntary services, had collected the homeless and moved them out rapidly as far as possible from the bombed city.

The people went reluctantly in many cases, because their husbands and working members of the family were prepared to stay on and work in Coventry.

Gently Done

But they were handled gently and tactfully and told by the officials that they wanted them to go away for a few days rest to recover from the shock and while things were tidied up for them.

In the outlying rest centres they were then persuaded, as far as possible, to register for the evacuation scheme.

The hospital arrangements, I found, had been excellent.

Every hospital in Coventry had been evacuated of its chronic sick and ordinary patients, and even of the latest casualties, by noon on Saturday. Most of them had been cleared on Friday.

The Public Assistance institutions had been emptied and the old folk got away and spread over hospitals in safe areas.

Not a single hospital case, except casualties, spent the night in Coventry. This was done by means of a highly organised service of motor-coach ambulances.

Another comforting fact was that in spite of the bombing of hospitals in Coventry, not a single patient was killed.

Enough Food

Miss Horsbrugh paid a very high tribute to the transport authorities in Coventry, who, in spite of the catastrophe, had worked effectively night and day and helped to clear the people out.

One of the most difficult problems was food.

The head of the Voluntary Services in Coventry, Mrs. Hyde, was able to assure me that there was food for everyone left in the city, and that the supplies of hot meals were freely available.

One thing which cheered me immensely after the experiences of the early days in London was the tremendously effective work being done by the mobile canteens, not only of the Ministry of Food, but of the Salvation Army, the Y.M.C.A., the American Red Cross and the Women's Voluntary Services.

At one rest centre I saw a young mother with a baby only a few months old. She had lived in one of the heavily bombed areas in London. Her husband had found work in Coventry and she had only lately come there.

Mother's Wish

She set up her new home, and when the Nazis struck early on Thursday evening she found it impossible to get to a shelter and took refuge in the coal cellar.

Her house was struck and she had to be pulled out of the wreck-

MAN ON SABOTAGE CHARGE

Charged at a Midlands Court with placing a piece of burning rag in a certain apparatus at a factory used for essential services, with the object of impeding work, Arthur Edward Harris, thirty, a turner, was remanded in custody.

Police stated that when charged Harris said, "I did it for a joke. I had no thought of damaging the machine."

The magistrates refused an application for bail on the ground that the charge was too serious.

age. Through the Combs, with her tiny baby, she had to find her way to a shelter.

In the morning she started to walk with her child, with the help of her husband, to a safer district. She had been picked up and taken to a rest centre.

Her only remark to me was, "When do you think I can go back to Coventry? I want to get my home going again."

Of course, I told her that the best thing she could do for herself and her baby and in fairness to her husband was to find billets in a safe district.

Still Cheerful

Old women, with homes they had married into, and in which they had seen their families grow up, and which represented a lifetime of work and care, in ruins, were remarkably cheerful.

In the heart of the bombed area I found a young woman tying up a few sticks of furniture which were left on a perambulator.

She said she had moved into a new home a week ago. She had only just got straight when she was bombed out.

She was going to find shelter in a street which was as badly bombed as her own home.

"The roof is off," she said, "but the kitchen ceiling is holding, and we'll make do with that."

She would not leave the city because she had a job to go to.

"We must look on the bright side of things," she said as she left the pile of bricks which had been her home.

That spirit is true of the people of Coventry.

In the middle of the ruins a woman was scrubbing and pipe-claying her front doorstep. The windows were out, the door was off its hinges, the roof was gaping, but she was still "house proud."

In another street a model representing "Peeping Tom," the historic figure of Coventry who peeped out at Lady Godiva, was wearing a jaunty steel helmet as well as his usual leer.

Throughout the day people were still moving out with their baggage, but the workers were coming back.

Worst Sufferers

Part of Coventry has been destroyed beyond redemption.

The heaviest sufferers have again been the working-class houses.

Miss Horsbrugh held a conference of billeting officers from the various local authorities, to begin at once the job of accommodating the large numbers rendered homeless, to commandeer houses where necessary, and, above all, to secure the full co-operation of all authorities throughout the Midlands region.

At least the pretence is not being made here that Coventry can house its homeless.

Before the bombing it was a densely crowded city, with a population increased by the large numbers of industrial workers who have been moved into the district.

No one can pretend that all the arrangements have worked satisfactorily.

In view of the havoc which has been wrought, the devastation caused, and the effects of the bombing on the city's internal organisations for the homeless, that would be expecting almost too much.

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THERE IS A PURPLE ON

"I knew there was a purple on, so I didn't hurry for my train." One finds this illustrative sentence in a brief—a much too brief—glossary of war slang supplied by "News From the Outpost," a news letter issued by Americans in Great Britain. It seems that a "purple" is a preliminary warning of the enemy's approach, and, since trains run at only fifteen miles an hour during raids, it eliminates a commuter's need for haste. Apparently war slang is still too small a thing to get much into the cables, yet in this one word and the explanatory sentence there is packed more vivid information about the morale of the British, the nature of air raids and the social impact of modern war than could be put into a column of the best reporting. A "red" is the succeeding stage in the attack, when the sirens are actually sounded. The noun "yellow" is already obsolete; it referred to the situation when enemy 'planes were known to be over some other part of the country. "This state," says the glossary, "is now perpetual," so there are no more yellows.

A modern historian of ancient Rome would give his soul for one such fragment of the argot that was actually talked in the legionary camps, the fora or the thermae of the empire—if, that is, he were able to interpret it. What would a historian of a thousand years hence make out of this scrap of the vocabulary of totalitarian war? He might understand how "blitz" should be a "term of endearment for the evening raid"—as in the expression "I left early to get home before the blitz." What would he do with "de-quise," even when told that this meant to disable one's automobile in order to prevent its use by "fifth columnists?" Only if some fragmentary record still preserved the name of Quisling would he have a clue. But the richest find, if he could decipher it, would be "abris wallah"—"term used by retired Anglo-Indian air-raid wardens for those faint-hearted enough to take cover."

"Abris wallah"—monstrous yet heroically humorous compound, offspring of the first World War in France and memories of Indian empire, joining in supreme contempt for Hitler's bombs

Striking Power Of Britain's Fleet Air Arm

So many successes can now be laid to its credit in the present war that the Fleet Air Arm may be said to have justified every claim that has been made for it, and to have answered those naval authorities who may once have been critical of this branch of the Service.

It is only poetic justice that the Italian navy should have been hit so hard from the air at Taranto and its other important bases unremittedly assaulted.

Before hostilities began it was a frequent boast in Italy that her daring airmen might be relied upon to wreck British warships by relentless attacks, which they were prepared to carry to the utmost lengths. One favourite assertion was that, if necessary, there would not be lacking men who would crash bombers on to the very decks of the enemy's warships, so that there might be no question of missing.

Whether such a desperate attempt has ever been made is doubtful; but it certainly has yet to succeed. With skilful use of the helm, a dive attack of this kind should be easily eluded.

Torpedo-Bombers

In the various attacks that have been made by Italian air formations on the ships of the British Mediterranean Fleet, success has been insignificant while toll has invariably been taken of the attacking planes. In fact, in war performance the Italian air force has lagged far behind that of this country.

Italian aircraft, it should be noted, invariably operate from shore bases, as it is the view of the Naval Staff in Rome that the situation of the peninsula renders the use of aircraft-carriers unnecessary. The torpedo-bombers which delivered such deadly blows at Taranto are understood to have come from the aircraft-carriers Illustrious and Eagle.

The Illustrious is a new ship, recently delivered from the Vickers-Armstrong shipyard at Barrow-in-Furness. She has a displacement of 23,000 tons, a speed of over 30 knots and an armament of 16 4.5-inch dual purpose guns, capable of being used with equal effect against either surface ves-

sels or aircraft. How many 'planes she can carry has not been stated, but H.M.S. Ark Royal, which is a 22,000-ton ship of slightly earlier design, can operate 60.

Without A Funnel

H.M.S. Eagle is a much older ship which has had an unusual history. Laid down on the Tyne in 1913 as the Chilean battleship Almirante Cochrane, she was redesigned by Sir Eustace Tennyson-d'Eyncourt for service as an aircraft-carrier. Completed as such in April, 1920, she had only

one funnel and no masts. After a series of experiments it was decided that drastic alterations were required, and she underwent sundry modifications at Portsmouth Dockyard during the ensuing three years.

She was finally completed in 1924, when she assumed her present appearance, with an island superstructure towering above her flight deck and carrying two squat funnels and two masts. She has a displacement of 22,600 tons, a speed of 24 knots and an armament of nine 6-inch guns, supplemented by four 4-inch anti-aircraft pieces. Her official complement of aircraft is 21. From first to last she cost the country £4,617,636, including the original purchase price of £1,334,358.

Another aircraft-carrier of early design is H.M.S. Furious, which did excellent work during the Norwegian campaign, faring better than the unfortunate Glorious. The Furious is remarkable in that she has no funnel, smoke being discharged from vents at the after end of the hangar, or alternatively through apertures in the flight deck.

This method was inaugurated in our first aircraft-carrier, the Argus, now relegated to training duties as a "Queen Bee" tender. A Queen Bee, it should be ex-

plained, is a crewless aeroplane controlled and operated entirely by wireless, which can be used to great advantage for anti-aircraft training at sea.

Due This Year

H.M.S. Hermes was our first aircraft-carrier to be designed for this purpose, previous ones having been conversions from other types. Of 10,850 tons, she has a speed of 25 knots and an armament of nine 5.5-inch guns, with three 4-inch A.A. guns. Only 15 'planes are normally carried. This was the ship which last July carried out the bombing attack on the French battleship Richelieu at Dakar, following her disablement by depth charges dropped alongside her from a motor boat.

Until the completion in 1938 of the Ark Royal, our most modern aircraft-carriers were the sister ships Courageous and Glorious, both of which have unfortunately fallen victims to the chances of war. They were ships of 22,500 tons, converted into aircraft-carriers during 1924-30. Altogether they cost more than £4,000,000 each. It was experience with these ships that governed the designs of the Ark Royal and Illustrious.

From the foregoing it will be apparent that there are in service to-day at least five aircraft-carriers. Probably the total is actually greater, since three sister ships of the Illustrious—the Victorious, Formidable and Indomitable—have been due for completion in 1940.

Planes Over Norway

Our enemies can offer very little to compare with this, though the Germans are believed to have completed their first aircraft-carrier, the Graf Zeppelin, this year. She is a ship of 19,250 tons, with a reputed speed of 32 knots, and armament of 16 5.9in and 10 4.1in (A.A.) guns. It is rumoured that she can carry 40 'planes. A second ship of this type is well advanced and may be ready soon.

Of the strategical value of a force of aircraft-carriers such as the Royal Navy possesses there can be no question. Not only does it enormously extend the

area over which observation can be effected, as was proved when the Ark Royal accompanied the battle cruiser Renown into the South Atlantic during the hunt for the Graf Spee, but it enables an admiral to produce a striking force of torpedo-bombers at the point desired without the enemy receiving previous warning, as has been seen in the onslaughts at Taranto and Cagliari.

In the Norwegian campaign the Fleet Air Arm played an important part. Except for one force of bombers which had a regrettably short life, the Royal Air Force was not then in a position to contribute many machines, so the Fleet Air Arm was kept busy. During April the aircraft from the Furious carried out almost continuous 24-hourly operations, including a torpedo attack on enemy ships at Trondheim and attacks in cooperation with H.M.S. Warspite and destroyers in the Narvik area.

Later the Ark Royal and Glorious arrived off the coast and remained there during the evacuation. There aircraft were incessantly engaged in one enterprise or another, including the bombing of the enemy-occupied aerodrome at Værnes and attacks on shipping and seaplanes at Trondheim. Fighter patrols worked hard during the later stages of the operations, especially during the evacuations from Namsos, Andalsnes and Narvik, and in protecting troop transports.

Other duties which had to be undertaken were photographic reconnaissance, anti-submarine and other patrols, and the transport by the Furious and Glorious of three R.A.F. fighter squadrons which were flown off to improvised aerodromes in the north of Norway.

Other Successes

At times the aircraft-carriers were employed for as long as six days without a pause in almost continuous night-and-day flying operations from positions approximately 90 miles from the Norwegian coast. Although subjected to bombing attacks on more than one occasion, they suffered no damage from this cause. In spite of being outclassed in speed, the F.A.A. fighters succeeded in shooting down or seriously damaging 34 German aircraft. In the final operations 15 Skuas from the Ark Royal attacked the Scharnhorst at Trondheim, obtaining at least two hits with their bombs. Unfortunately, under the conditions then prevailing, surprise could not be achieved, and heavy losses were incurred from intense A.A. fire and enemy fighters.

In the Mediterranean, F.A.A. operations began on June 14, with a night bombing attack on Genoa by a squadron operating from Hyeres, in the south of France. This squadron subsequently reached North Africa, whence part was flown to the Ark Royal.

Aircraft from the Eagle have delivered torpedo attacks against units of the Italian fleet at sea, and upon enemy ships at Tobruk and Augusta. These attacks have accounted for the destruction or disablement of the Italian cruiser San Giorgio, set on fire and driven ashore at Tobruk, as well as for three destroyers, at least one submarine and a number of transports and supply ships.

Action At-Oran

In July the Ark Royal was employed during the attack on the French forces at Oran, in which her aircraft obtained at least six bomb or torpedo hits on the Dunkerque, and two or three bomb hits followed by one if not two torpedo hits on the Strasbourg during her passage to Toulon. It was only a few days after this, as already related, that aircraft from the Hermes were attacking the Richelieu, and bomb if not torpedo hits were made.

In other operations in the Mediterranean F.A.A. fighters have shot down or damaged a large number of Italian aircraft.

In view of the recent date at which the Admiralty assumed full control of the force, and the rapid rate at which expansion has had to proceed, it will be agreed that the Fleet Air Arm has indeed done well. I have touched upon only a few of its exploits, but it may safely be predicted that the force has a future before it which will yield laurels at least as glorious as those already won.

They Show Me How To Fly A Spitfire . . .

To see exactly how they make fighter pilots in the Air Force, I have become, by permission of the Canadian Air Ministry, a pupil for a day at the Empire Air Scheme advanced training school.

Only a few weeks ago I saw our fighter pilots diving and rolling over London attacking Messerschmidts.

Here, standing waiting for me on the flying ground, is a man who has spent years training pilots at a famous flying school in England.

The instructor eyed me carefully.

"Ever piloted a 'plane?" he asked.

"No," I said.

"The important part of a fighter pilot's training is aerobatics," he said. "It teaches you to be nippy in the air."

I said the questions everybody was asking as the air attacks on Britain were intensified were, How do the fighter pilots get hardened to flinging themselves about? What is the secret of their brilliance?

"You will understand after the

flight we are going to make," the instructor told me.

Above the roar of the machine I could hear the instructor's voice perfectly in the headphones.

We had to queue up to take off. We shot up high above the aerodrome.

"Feel all right?" asked the instructor. "O.K. We will now do a loop."

The 'plane somersaulted at terrific speed, and I saw a bit of Ottawa blot out the pale blue Canadian sky and a bit of wing mixed up in the picture. I felt

whether a man would be capable of handling controls in emergencies," continued the instructor.

We did some more stunts, steep turns, banking, flying in and out of clouds. I was beginning to get used to it.

I began to release my grip on the cockpit sides, sit back and relax.

The came a voice in the phone.

"Of course, Spifires and Hurricanes move much faster than this."

We finished up the lesson with a bombing dive and flew over a nearby lake.

"See that white buoy floating down there?" asked the instructor. "That's the bombing target."

We shot up higher, poised like a hawk, then plunged from five thousand feet straight down, reaching a speed of three hundred miles an hour. There was again that pulling feeling on the cheeks, and head throbs.

"The 'plane is now said to be 'mushing,'" said the instructor. "In other words it is falling faster than the engine could move it."

One thousand feet . . . two thousand feet . . . we roared down.

"At this second I would have dropped my bomb," said the instructor.

The machine, by now, was skimming upwards again.

"That is how 'planes bomb Berlin," explained the instructor.

We landed and, to my astonishment, I was able to have luncheon. Long before I had finished, the instructor excused himself and went off to make a flight with more pupils. He does

this day and night.

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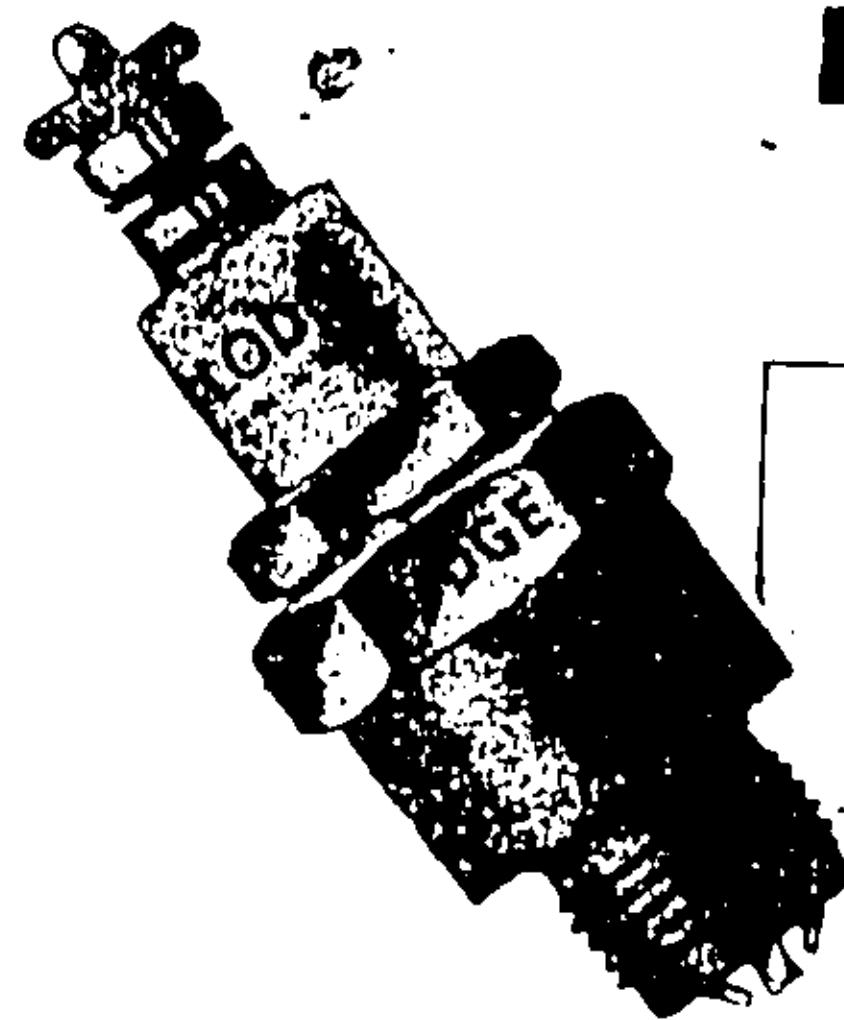
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AIR ACE WAS KILLED ON HIS WEDDING DAY

"COBBER" KAIN, the first R.A.F. ace of this war, was to have been married on the day he was killed in a flying accident in France, it has been revealed.

When he parted from a friend one evening before the tragedy, he said: "Don't tell anyone, but I'm getting married next week. That is, if I'm alive."

The whole dramatic story is told by Noel Monks in his book, "Squadrons Up!" (Gollancz, 12s. 6d.).

Friday, June 7, 1940. On a dusty emergency aerodrome, near Blois, in France, a two-seater Magister communications plane was being loaded with kit by an orderly.

A helmet and a gas mask complete the loading, and the orderly reports to a group of young R.A.F. pilots chatting a few yards away.

"Gear aboard. Good luck,"

A tall, broad-shouldered, black-haired Flying Officer, with the ribbon of the Distinguished Flying Cross newly sewn below the wings, leaves the group and walks to the waiting plane.

Shot Down 25 Planes

He calls "Cheerio, chaps." He calls "Cheerio, chaps." He good," to his comrades, and climbs into the cockpit, settles himself, gives a mechanic the thumbs-up. The engine roars.

Suddenly a mischievous grin spreads over the face of the young giant in the Magister. He has caught sight of a Hurricane fighter.

It is his old ship. Yesterday, 20,000 feet over Rheims he had "squeezed the teat" that controlled its eight machine-guns, and down went his twenty-fifth "Nazi."

So he uncurls his long leg from the cockpit of the Magister and, going across to the Hurricane, wedges himself into the cockpit.

"One more beat up, lads," he calls, and he is off across the aerodrome in a cloud of hot dust.

With a roar like a thunderclap the Hurricane comes back over the 'drome, above the heads of the little group of officers--only just above their heads, because it is barely twenty feet off the ground, is upside down, and travelling at 350 miles an hour.

The boys call this a "beat up."

Still upside down, the Hurricane shoots up to 1,500 feet, turns right side up, then starts a series of rolls earthward.

That is just how the young man in the Hurricane is feeling, rolling about in thin air. The little Magister below, with its engine ticking over nicely, is going to take him home to England for special duties.

Too Close To Mother Earth

Two rolls are completed. The group of R.A.F. officers suddenly stop laughing and chattering. One says anxiously, "What the hell?" as the Hurricane goes into a third roll. His experienced eye can see this will bring it mighty close to mother earth.

Then three or four of them yell "Cobber, Cobber." They start running.

There is a crash. The Hurricane does not quite complete the third roll.

Its port wing touches the ground...

The young officers lift their dead comrade from the wreckage. A mechanic climbs into the cockpit of the Magister. He switches off the engine.

"Cobber" was the first Ace in the war against Nazism, and he was the last pilot of that squadron's personnel that flew off so gaily to France that autumn to be still on his feet in France on that June day.

"Cobber" Kain was as much toasted in the messes of other squadrons as he was in his own. That is a way they have in the R.A.F. The good a man does is for the good of the Service, and not for himself alone.

PALM TREE BED FOR DUCHESS

A large consignment of specially-made furniture ordered by the Duke and Duchess of Windsor is due to reach Nassau, Bahamas, from New York.

Travelling with the furniture is an American interior decorator, Mrs. Isabel P. Bradley who will assist in beautifying their home, Government House.

The Duchess' new large double bed will be covered with white blue and silver quilted cloth in the pattern of a palm tree. Above it will be lovely Chippendale curtains.

The furniture includes a surprise for the Duchess, secretly ordered by the Duke. This is a chest of drawers for her bedroom in powder blue glazed wood, with the initials W. W. in wood of a deeper blue to resemble rope. Above the chest will be hung a frame of the same "rope" tied in a lover's knot at the top.

At the entrance hall of the home will be sofa and chairs covered in rose and beige and chartreuse brocades.

WAR DISCHARGE BADGE

A badge for officers and men invalided from the armed Forces on account of disability attributable to war service is being considered, states the Secretary for War, in a parliamentary written reply.

CORSETS WILL BE FEWER

"Corsets are luxuries," say the Board of Trade—and they have decreed that the supply shall be cut by half.

Makers have appealed to the Board to reconsider this decision but in vain.

Apart from holding the view that these are luxury goods, the Board point out that at the normal rate of production 3,000 tons of steel are used every year in the making of corsets.

Mr. F. R. Barry, chairman of the expert group of the trade, told a reporter: "The Board of Trade seem to be thinking of the old-fashioned days which our grandmothers were. Those weighed about 2lb, but the modern corset weighs less than 1oz."

Doctors' Advice

There can be no complaint about silk being used, for very little is now being put into corsets.

Apparently the Board do not realise that corsets are as necessary to most women as are shoes. Without them they would feel a loss of poise and self-confidence. There is another point. Doctors have advised women to wear their corsets when they go into their armoured shelters at night, because the garments help to brace them against nervous shocks.

The normal trade in hosiery produced 2,000,000 lb in Britain last year.

CURFEW FOR CHILDREN

A curfew of dusk for schoolchildren in large cities throughout the country was suggested at a meeting of Edinburgh Corporation. But the idea was put back in further consideration.

The city's Education Committee was told to consider what action could be taken to encourage parents to keep their children indoors after dark.

GIRL CHAINED AND PADLOCKED TO FLOOR

A 24-YEAR-OLD mentally defective woman was "chained like an animal in a cage," the Gateshead magistrates were told.

The girl's father, Harry Ephraim Bloch (54) said to be the owner of a considerable amount of property in Gateshead, and her brother-in-law, Chaim Samuel Lopian, a Jewish rabbi, both of Bewick Road, Gateshead, were each fined £20, with four guineas costs, for assaulting her by keeping her imprisoned in chains for six days.

Mr. D. G. Dodds, prosecuting, said the girl had been of unsound mind for some years and on occasions suffered from spasms of considerable violence.

Defendants, perhaps from complete ignorance, had prevented her from receiving proper hospital treatment and had preferred to keep her at home.

Mediaeval Echo

"It is an echo from the middle ages, when people with mental disorders were kept chained up," said Mr. Dodds.

"The idea of buying the chains seemed to have emanated from Lopian, who bought them. Staples were placed in the bedroom floor and the girl was padlocked to a chain about a yard long."

"I am sure the defendants did not realise how callous and cruel the treatment was, and that they were actuated more by fear of what she would do if she was free rather than by cruelty."

She Escaped

Mr. Dodds added that on November 2 the chains were removed and the girl escaped from her locked bedroom and was seen early next morning in the street by a policeman.

Supt. Collins said Bloch had expressed fears of publicity of the case as this might interfere with his daughter's matrimonial prospects.

Mr. R. W. Stokoe, defending, said it was not a case of deliberate cruelty, but one of misguided ideas. In her father's view, the girl could not be restrained when she lost her mental stability.

NAZI DIPLOMATS IN U.S. ESPIONAGE PLOT

AN EXPOSURE of the use by the Nazi Government of their United States Embassy and Consulates as espionage and propaganda centres has shocked the people of America.

At the same time there was laid bare a master plan for a giant German business network "after the war," designed to put a stranglehold on United States commerce.

These revelations were contained in a 600-page "White Paper" released by the Dies Congressional Committee investigating un-American activities.

They may well result in the recall of the German Charge d'Afairs, Dr. Hans Thomsen, the removal from office of scores of German officials, and the smashing of the Nazi-financed Trans-Ocean News Service, and other pro-Hitler organizations in the United States.

Indignant

Given recent article and indiscretions of the pro-Nazi and their official position by Nazi emissaries in America, strong action by the Roosevelt Administration is surely forced.

Reporters will probably be moved to return. The German will move even more rapidly the already deteriorating relations between the country and Nazi Germany.

The secretariat put in a memo group on April 1st, according to the White House, to the "Reorganization of German Industry in America After the War," and called for a "war related policy of penetrating the Chinese structure of the United States Central and South American."

The report adds that it lacks nothing in its details for the contemplated aggression not merely of industrial interests, but also proposed to penetrate the spheres of activity of the great banking institute to underway to aid support the financing of German industry and its activities."

Diplomats Accused

Startling charges are levelled at Dr. Thomsen and Dr. Max Zapp, director of the Trans-Ocean News Service, and their satellites in German consulates.

The committee say the German Embassy and German Consulates took the liveliest interest in spreading the work of the Trans-Ocean News as an out-and-out Nazi propaganda medium which offers "news" free of charge to American papers.

A direct link between Zapp and Thomsen is shown, based on letters and documents seized in a German bus after being in New York.

The White Paper accords that the German Embassy in New York is interested in the secret work of Trans-Ocean and suggests that Dr. Thomsen, its director-in-chief,

Serious Charge

This is the first serious charge brought against the German embassy in the United States, and it is the first time that the American Government has taken up the case of the United States against the Nazi diplomats.

The recent show trial Nazi consuls up and down the country had financed out of considerable funds the dissemination of Trans-Ocean's propaganda.

Correspondence showing that the German Embassy was frequently asking Berlin for more funds was seized by the committee.

Berlin Adviser

Dr. Zapp is revealed as far more than a newspaperman. He is shown as one of Germany's principal advisers.

He cabled Berlin: "The only, and at the same time the strongest, guarantees for American neutrality appear to be rustled United States-Japanese relations, which for the present, and, for an indefinite period to come, won't permit of European involvement."

Other correspondence shows him as a diplomat who outlines the course Japanese representatives in the United States should take. In one letter he advises

PETAIN SAILORS WALK OUT

Stay In England—To Fight

Two large ships, sent to Britain by the Vichy Government to repatriate French sailors and soldiers, docked in England recently.

As soon as the ships tied up more than half the crews walked down the gang planks with their belongings and announced "We are here. We stay here. It is our wish to join General de Gaulle."

They asked the British authorities if they could address the Frenchmen awaiting repatriation. They were told, "Many have already changed their minds."

It can be revealed now that 5 French naval officers and 1,500 ratings who last September elected to return to France have since decided to stay and fight with General de Gaulle.

140 A Week

The flow of volunteers to the Free French Forces is growing rapidly, sometimes reaching 140 a week.

The action of the French seamen in the repatriation ships is a significant pointer to the revolution of feeling among Frenchmen to-day.

All the men were bitter. Said one, addressing the Frenchmen on the quayside: "We have brought these ships to take back Frenchmen. If you still want to go back and live under the Boche you are welcome. But you do so without our help."

All these men have since been posted to Allied ships.

The vessels in which they arrived from France came without fuel and without adequate pressuring gear. It is believed that much of this gear has been taken by the Germans. The ships carried enough fuel to get them home, but none to take them back.

The captains asked the British authorities to fuel their ships for the return journey. This was refused, but they were given enough to take them to the nearest port of money."

NAZI GIRL INSULTED U.S. FLAG

The Court of Common Pleas at Tom River has sentenced Helga Schleifer, a 20-year-old German girl, to serve two years in a woman's State reformatory for burning the American flag.

Helga boasted: "I am a Nazi and proud of it."

A few hours later she was freed when her parents supplied bail pending appeal. Her father is a lorry-driver who came to the United States from Germany in 1927, and was never naturalised.

them to be "cool and frigid."

Dr. Zapp told Berlin in another letter that 15 to 30 per cent of the entire foreign news in Mexico had been supplied by his service, and that he had done well in Ecuador, Argentina, and Brazil.

SECRET NAZI FORTUNES

Vast Profits Out Of War

Messages reaching New York from neutral sources in Berlin show that though the Nazis' social policy and war and rearmament taxes have done much to level and "adjust" incomes, they have not apparently wiped out the chances of accumulating private fortunes.

In general there have been no spectacular profits during the war, but several classes have benefited. A remarkably candid survey obtained from official sources mention four such general groups. It even refers to some of them by a phrase that can only be translated as "minion in a world." Please describe these groups as:

(1) Attainment of a new manufacturer whose profits are rapidly controlled and whose turnover has been vastly increased;

(2) Smaller manufacturers and building contractors. Their profits are less vigorously limited and whose benefits have passed directly from the demand for heavy goods;

(3) Merchants and manufacturers not directly connected with war activities, who have been relieved from foreign competition as a result of the Nazi trade policy;

(4) Owners of large agricultural estates, especially those devoted to wheat production.

The survey adds to the two other groups. One comprises business, professional men who have been provided with additional opportunities through the elimination of Jewish competitors or who have been "enabled to purchase Jewish businesses under very favourable conditions."

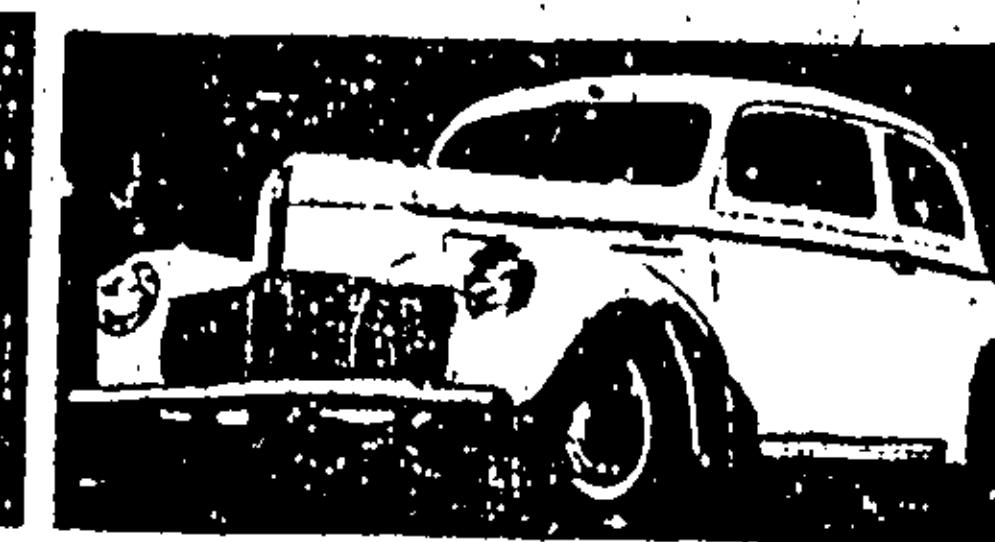
Of the other the report says: "It cannot be denied that a large portion of Germany's new wealth owes its origin to inner political conditions."

"Hitler and his collaborators have placed a large number of their followers and party members in leading economic positions. As they neither reject the principle of private ownership nor of private incomes, they have no objection to these men earning lots of money."

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BRIDGE NOTES

CRIME DOESN'T PAY!
NO. 28

By The Four Aces

One of the players committed a Bridge Crime in to-day's hand; see if you can spot both the crime and the criminal:

South Dealer
Both sides vulnerable
 ♠ 9 4 2
 ♥ Q 8 5
 ♦ A Q J 7 6
 ♣ 9 4
 ♠ 7 6
 ♥ K 10 7
 ♦ 4 3
 ♣ 8 3 2
 ♠ K Q J
 ♠ A K Q J 10 3
 ♥ Q A J
 ♦ 10 9 4
 ♣ 8 5
 The bidding:
 South West North East
 1♦ Pass 2♦ Pass
 4♦ Pass Pass Pass

West opened the King of clubs holding the trick. He continued with the Queen of clubs and then shifted to the eight of diamonds. Declarer finessed and East won with the King of diamonds. East returned the nine of hearts, but South put up the heart Ace, drew trumps, and discarded the heart loser on one of dummy's long diamonds.

Something slipped somewhere but what was it and who was responsible? Try to find out for yourself before you read any more.

East was the criminal, and his crime occurred at the second trick! East could be quite sure that the defence could win only two club tricks, so it was necessary to look for two other tricks to defeat the contract. The King of diamonds was one of them, but the other had to be contributed by West. If West had a trump trick, he would get it without any help from East; but if West had a heart trick, it might be vital for East to help establish it before South managed to establish the diamonds.

Therefore East should have played the Ace of clubs at the second trick! Then he could return a heart, and South would be unable to prevent the loss of a heart trick as well as the inevitable diamond and two clubs.

* * *

Yesterday you were Merwin D. Maier's partner and, with both vulnerable, you held:

♠ K 5 3 2
 ♥ Q J 6 4
 ♦ 7
 ♣ K 6 5 3
 The bidding:
 Schenken Mater Jacoby You
 1♥ 2♦ Dbl. (?)

ANSWER: Pass. Your black Kings will be useful to your partner at a diamond contract; his diamonds may be useless to you at any other contract.

Score 100% for pass; 30% for two no-trump.

Question No. 627

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q J 10 7 5
 ♥ 5 4 2
 ♦ Q 9
 ♣ K Q 5
 The bidding:
 Jacoby Schenken Mater You
 1♥ 2♦ Dbl. (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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BEAUTY SALON BEATS U.S.

In Edwardian days the Gaiety girls used to take back to London with them from Manchester enormous milk cans full of the famous soft Manchester water — "so good for the complexion."

Beauty treatment has gone a long way since then, but it is still to Manchester that many hundreds of "lovelies" of society, stage and screen come, for Manchester has the finest beauty parlour and hairdressing salon in this country.

GEORGE MEDAL P.C.'S ESCAPE

(By A Correspondent)

A police-constable who was recently awarded the George Medal for bravery in a raid had a remarkable escape in a savage Nazi attack on a south-east coast town.

"A police-box I had left a few seconds before was blown up," he told me. "As I rounded the corner of a public-house I heard the roar of a plane and saw in the moonlight a bomber not 500ft. overhead.

"A bomb crashed on the other side of the public-house. There was a blinding flash and wreckage leapt in the air all around me. Then another bomb struck the ground. I was almost stunned where I stood. A child cried out inside the public-house. I went in and found a five-year-old girl. I tucked her under my cape and stumbled along the road until a colleague took charge of her, then I collapsed."

It was the biggest attack yet experienced by the town. Although a number of working-class houses were demolished and others badly damaged the loss of life was proportionately small.

Mrs. H. W. Bond, who was serving free refreshments to rescue workers in her badly battered tea shop, typified the courage of the victims. "Hitler has done his worst to us," she said to me. "Now perhaps he will realise that he cannot frighten us!"

For many hours I watched rescue parties at work liberating people who had been trapped. It is due mainly to them that the death and casualty roll is not much higher. Ten dead had been accounted for when the last count was taken.

Men in a rescue party led by Lt. "Jim" Slattery, M.M. and bar, of the R.E.'s, did heroic work.

Mr. Charles Colgate, an elderly man, was trapped at the bottom of an immense pile of rubble and masonry which had once been a large building. Lt. Slattery and the others tackled the task of reaching and saving Colgate, whose cries for help just penetrated the mass of wreckage.

As they came nearer to success they moved the debris with their cupped hands rather than use tools which might cause a fall of wreckage. At last—after 10 hours—they were able to release the man, who is expected to live.

Sir Auckland Geddes, the Regional Commissioner for this area, arrived during the afternoon to watch the rescue work.

HERO'S SEXTANT FOR WARSPIKE BOY

The sextant used by Lieutenant-Commander John Bowman-Manifold, who, as navigator of H.M.S. Exeter, was killed in action during the Battle of the Plate last December, has been presented to a Warspite boy who has been promoted to Sub-Lieutenant in less than five years after leaving the training ship.

Mr. Sydney Marsham (Vice-President) stated at a meeting of the Marine Society that Lady Bowman-Manifold had entrusted them to present the sextant to someone worthy of it.

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HEROINE OF HELL'S KITCHEN

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)
The "Angel of Hell's Kitchen"—that's the title Mrs. Amy Fluck, fifty-seven, earned for herself down the Old Kent-road.

Everyone knew her there. Nearly everyone, at some time or another, visited her "Hell's Kitchen"—a tiny coffee stall in the centre of South London's battlefield.

Serving hot pies and coffee from 9 p.m. to 8 a.m. without a break for seven nights a week through bombing and gunfire, the Angel had a smile and a cheery word for all.

One night, in a heavy raid, she fell as she was busy baking pies for the hard-worked A.R.P. men.

A piece of shrapnel had hit her.

Within a few minutes she was rushed to hospital by her A.R.P. friends.

When Mr. Fluck saw his injured wife all she was worried about was the stall.

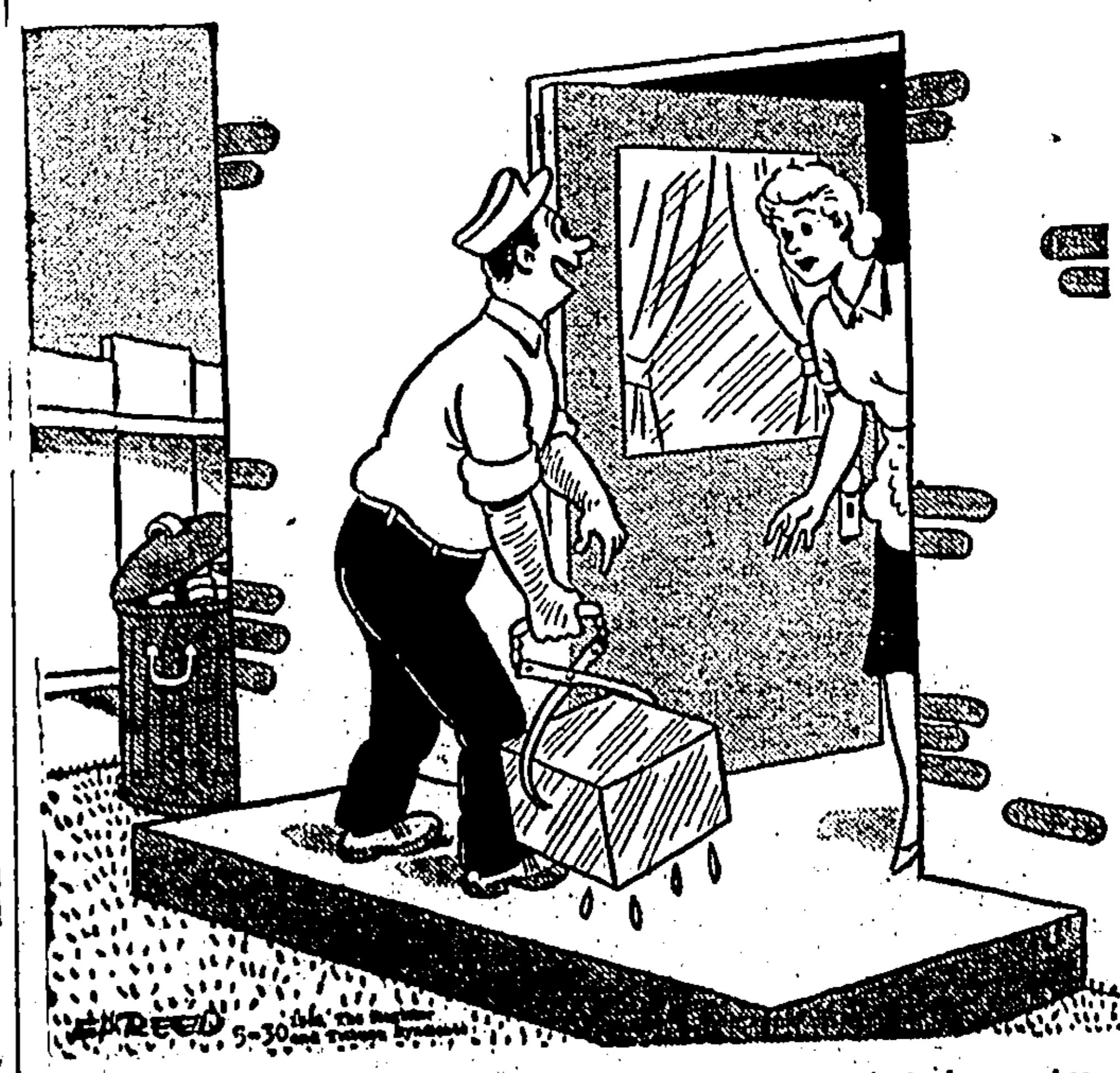
"My poor people won't be able to get their tea of a night now," she said. "But I'll be back in a couple of days."

She was wrong. The hospital to which she was taken was bombed soon after her admittance. She was evacuated to another in Surrey. That, too, was bombed.

This time Mrs. Fluck was killed.

When I visited her little coffee-stall it was boarded up. "Open in a couple of days" were the words chalked faintly on one side. A tiny Union Jack waved above it.

OFF THE RECORD



By ED REED

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Magistrate's Fate**CORONER
ON HIS
PAINFUL
DUTY**

Evidence that Mr. Herbert Metcalfe, the well-known Old Street, London, Magistrate, who died following a fall, was under the influence of drink at the time, was given at the inquest. A verdict of "Accidental death" was recorded.

The South Bucks Coroner, Mr. J. Baily Gibson, said "I am afraid it is evident that Mr. Metcalfe came home under the influence of alcohol, and that while he was left alone he endeavoured to get up the stairs, collapsed owing to his condition, and fell back and hit his head against the door."

Mr. Metcalfe was 52. He lived at Croydon, Woodside Road, Beaconsfield.

His widow, Mrs. Mariana Metcalfe, said that his health had not been good for some time. On Wednesday he went to the police court in the usual way and came home in the evening.

The Coroner: "What condition was he in?"

"He was not very well."

The Coroner: "Was he very much under the influence of drink?"

Mrs. Metcalfe hesitated and then whispered, "Yes."

Lying on His Back

She said that later, when she was in the dining-room, she heard a crash. She found her husband lying on his back in the passage at the foot of the stairs. He was unconscious and she sent for a doctor.

The Coroner said: "I am sorry to say that I am convinced from the evidence that the real cause of the accident was the state that he was in, and it is my painful duty to find accordingly."

"I should like to express my sympathy with Mrs. Metcalfe, and I very much regret the ordeal she has had to go through."



THE BIG BANG—Some idea of how the crews of the Luftwaffe jettison their bombs when the R.A.F. are "on their tail" can be judged by this exclusive picture secured by our cameraman whilst he was driving in the S.E. area. A German aircraft had come into contact with one of our fighters, who immediately engaged. The enemy machine straightaway dropped his bombs in meadow-land (which according to the German communiqué were military objectives) and made for home. This picture was secured by our photographer from the seat of his car. (Fox, Copyright).

**LOOTER
"LIKE A
VULTURE"**

William Leiney, labourer aged twenty, of Bromley High Street, Bow, E., who was sentenced a Old Street to one month's hard labour for receiving a pair of baby's slippers stolen from the bombed home of an A.R.P. warden, was "like a vulture," said the magistrate, Mr. F. O. Langley.

Indicating the warden, Mr. Langley said: Look at that man. He has had his house demolished by a bomb, his family driven out and put to the very limits of human sufferings and inconvenience.

"Miserable Minority"

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1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press.
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ments

1.45 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and
Sullivan.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

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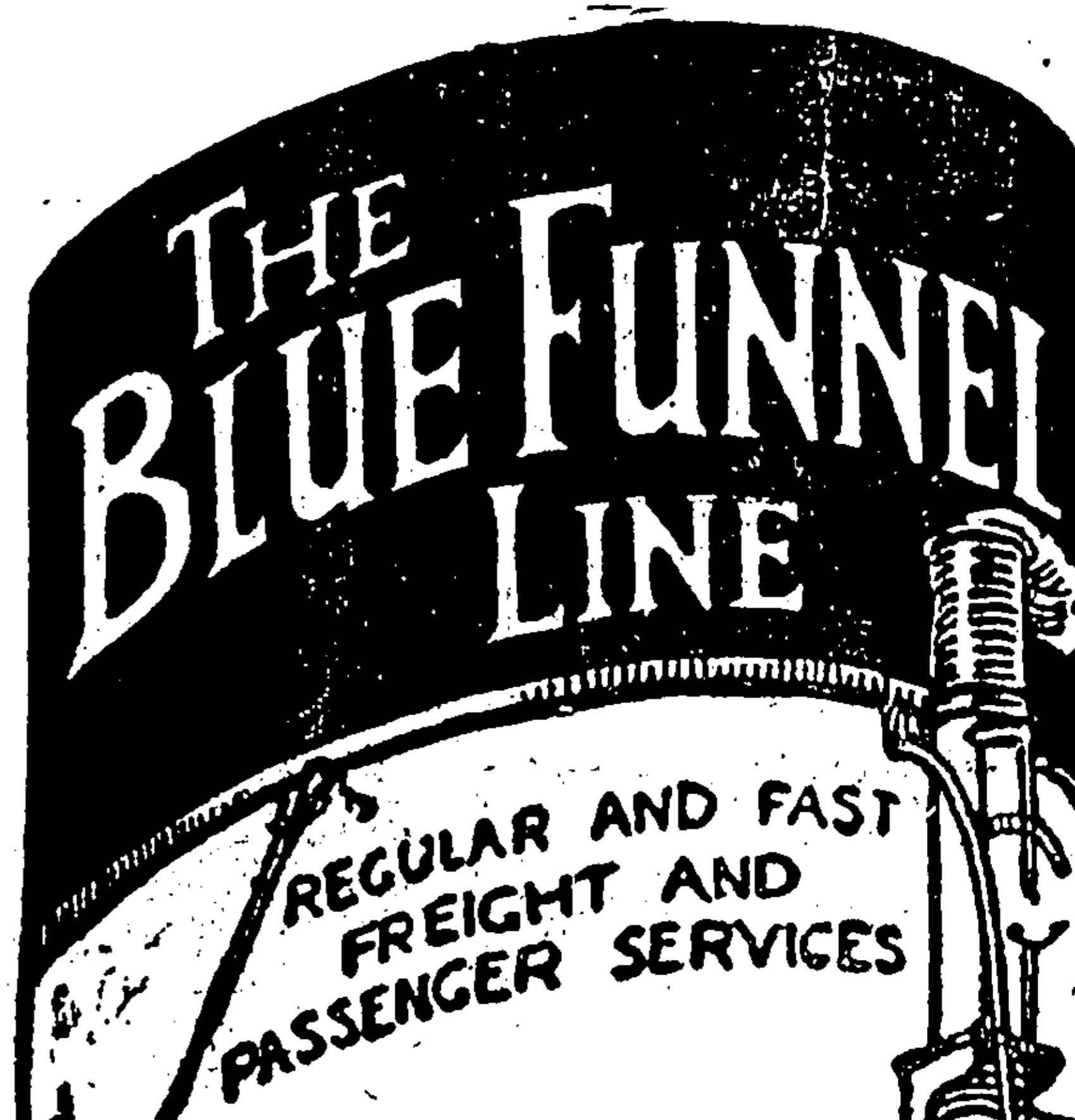
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 Q.2 A player standing in an off-side position realises that if he remains there he will be penalised for offside, therefore he runs into the back of the net. As a goal is scored the referee notices this player. What should he do?
 Q.3 A player has caused trouble amongst his team, and his captain orders him off the field. What is the referee to do?
 Q.4 A player is ordered off the field. In the dressing room he is requested to play for another team. Can the referee prevent him from playing, knowing that he has just been ordered off?
 Q.5 "Soccer Fan" asks if there is any time limit for a goal-keeper holding the ball. He says that he has been told that there is a time limit of four seconds. What do you think?

(Answers on Page 15)

INTERPORT HOCKEY PRACTICE

The 17 players nominated for the forthcoming Interport hockey match with Macao will have a practice match on Saturday against Y.M.C.A. on the Club ground King's Park, starting at 4 p.m.

The players nominated are: V. M. Benwell (Club), V. C. Bond (Club), J. Gonsalves (Recreio), Capt. Kamptan Parsad (Punjabs), R. Marques (Recreio), M. H. Hussan (Khalsa), Capt. H. Wood (Club), W. A. Reed (Club), N. B. M. Whitley (Club), T. Alves (Recreio), D. T. Smith (Club), Lt. J. Ross (Punjabs), G. Singh (Khalsa), A. E. P. Guest (Khalsa), W. Parker (Police), L. Ozorio (Recreio) and W. Brown (Police).

Following will represent the "Y":—Cleggett; Taylor and Youreff; Jordan, Coombe and Waldron; Spencelayah, Gemmill, Hitchcock, Morgan and Dunne.

The "Y" Second Team will play on the same ground at 3 p.m. against a team not yet specified and will be represented by:—Cleggett; Grant and Railton; Saxby, Tomlinson and Gorham; Macey, Olson, Spare, Fancey and Banks.

A. N. Other XI

Following will represent A. N. Other XI in the Hong Kong Hockey Association tournament on Sunday on the Club ground at 10.30 a.m. against the Signals:—Benwell; Gunner and Youreff; Jordan, McLellan and Waldron; Spencelayah, Alsey, Hitchcock, Morgan and A. N. Other.



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SOFTBALL NOTES

RECREIO ELIMINATED FROM PENNANT RACE

Indians Score 11 In Three Innings

Saints Take Lead In League Table

By "Grandstand"

FIELDING A MAKESHIFT TEAM, the Recreio Aces, whom the weisenheimers had doped to win, were eliminated from the pennant race, by the Indians in an 11-6 trouncing.

After a long lay-off, Johnnie Alvares, former Recreio fire-ball artist, assumed mound duties and fanned one and walked four, whilst slabster Kassa Nazarin, of the Indians, only issued one free ticket to first. With poor backing behind him, Alvares yielded eight safeties, whilst Nazarin was also nicked for eight blows, four of which were bunched in the fourth.

Taking advantage of a loose infield, as open is a Monte Carlo gambling joint, the Indians pushed four markers across the pan to get the jump on the Rees in the first frame. After two more tallies had leaked through second base, mentor Riri Noronha went into scull sessions and yanked key-stoner Wilfred Lawrence, switching left-fielder Caco Marques to second, in a futile attempt to halt the Indian rampage.

Scoring Splurge

Before anybody knew what was what, the Indians had chalked up 11 tallies for the first three frames to the Rambling Rees' lone marker, when Nick Beirao scored on Johnnie Alvares slow dribbler.

At this stage, even Recreio fans were slowly but surely moving off. "Yep, they all love a winner."

Undaunted, the Rees came back and held the Indians to a negative score for the rest of the game, whilst Bertie Gosano sparked a three-run rally with a slushing single in the fourth, which included Gerry Gosano's four-master with one aboard, and a two-run effort in the fifth, with five runs to tie—but it wasn't in the cards and the game ended that way.

Gerry Gosano's .750 stickwork performance, which slugged in three runs for his side in his four trips to the plate, included the only homer of the fray, whilst manager Ahwoo Omar and "Savage" Hassan's two in four also deserve mention, the latter clouting a two run triple.

Saints Take Lead

St. Joseph's climbed into the lead in the Senior League by their 4-1 triumph over the revived Canadian Chinese nine. Charlie Manson toed the rubber for the Saints and chucked a three-hitter, whilst his mates collected five blows off Canuck speed-ball hurler Herbie Quon, whose only mistake was feeding a couple of cripes, to Bambino Dave Leonard, which didn't have enough smoke on them to make a sparrow sneeze! Quon fanned three and passed only one, whilst Collegian slabster Manson walked four.

The only Canadian tally came in, in the first, when Young Lee singled and went around the bases on two successive wild heaves, and, despite four more Collegian bungles, Canadians were unable to add another marker.

Four double-killings, featured in the tilt, Luke Bunn to Ross Mark to Johnnie Delgado, flagging George Souza at first and nailing Hal Winglee at the plate; Stan Leonard, hauling down Molt's fly-heaved wild, to second-sacker "Ozo" Ozorio; but Frankie Gonsalves, who was covering the play, threw in a perfect strike from centre-field to erase Herbie Quon at the counting station, clamping his hands on Ross Mark's pop fly, Collegian keystomer Ozorio caught Bill Ing flat-footed off first for another twin-killing. Two more Canadians were thumbed out on a

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Hong Kong Baseballers	7	2	.778
Indians	7	3	.700
Cyclones	6	4	.600
Recreio Aces	4	4	.500
Chinese Baseballers	3	4	.429
Filipinos	1	7	.125
Canadian Chinese	0	10	.000

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Chung Hwa	8	1	.889
V.R.C.	7	1	.875
R.A.F.	6	2	.750
Cosmos	6	3	.667
Recreio Bees	6	3	.667
South China	4	3	.571
Liga Portuguesa	3	5	.375
Royal Scots	3	5	.375
8th R.A.	2	7	.222
Central Britishers	1	8	.111
Royal Engineers	0	7	.000

LADIES' LEAGUE

Canadian Chinese	9	0	1.000
Wildcats	8	1	.889
Wahoos	9	2	.818
Panthers	8	5	.548
Cardinals	5	8	.458
Ramblers	3	8	.273
Little Flowers	1	9	.100
Chung Hwa	0	10	.000

INTER-HONG LEAGUE

Hong Kong Bankers	3	0	1.000
Shell Oilers	3	1	.750
Texaco	3	1	.750
Lucas	2	1	.667
Chartered Bankers	1	1	.500
Cables	0	4	.000
Greenapots	0	4	.000

HOW TO ACQUIRE A PUNCH

In a recent article we read how Jim Gully of the Royal Horse Guards out-pointed Pte. Bradshaw of Canada. Gully tells here how he developed a big punch. On being asked, Gully said that considering how few great boxers of the English school have possessed a real dig, it is a surprisingly easy question to answer.

The boxers must be prepared to spend half an hour every day doing one particular job in the gymnasium. He must make a mark on the heavy bag, and teach himself to punch that mark with all his weight and a bit more.

It will take a week to learn, or discover how to land one punch, so a year is the reasonable period of self instruction. Try the right hook to the body first. Make a mark on the bag at the correct height and find out how to stand and how far away to be. Make sure the left hand is held so as to protect the chin and then practice until you are "making a hole" in the bag.

Feet Must Be Set

You'll never produce the "killer" unless your feet are firmly set for the blow, yet if you stand flat-footed you don't achieve a kick. You must concentrate on this one punch until you have perfected it, and it becomes second nature to let it go.

You almost want to throw your glove as well as your body at the bag.

Here is a way to understand how to hit. Imagine yourself on a farm and you are watching a cart-horse and a frisky pony. Say the old fellow kicks you with his heavy slow feet. He might bruise your leg, but if the pony kicks you he'll snap the leg in two as if it is matchwood, yet his leg is one-fifth the thickness of the cart-horses.

It's the snap that does it. Have (Continued at foot of Preceding Col.)

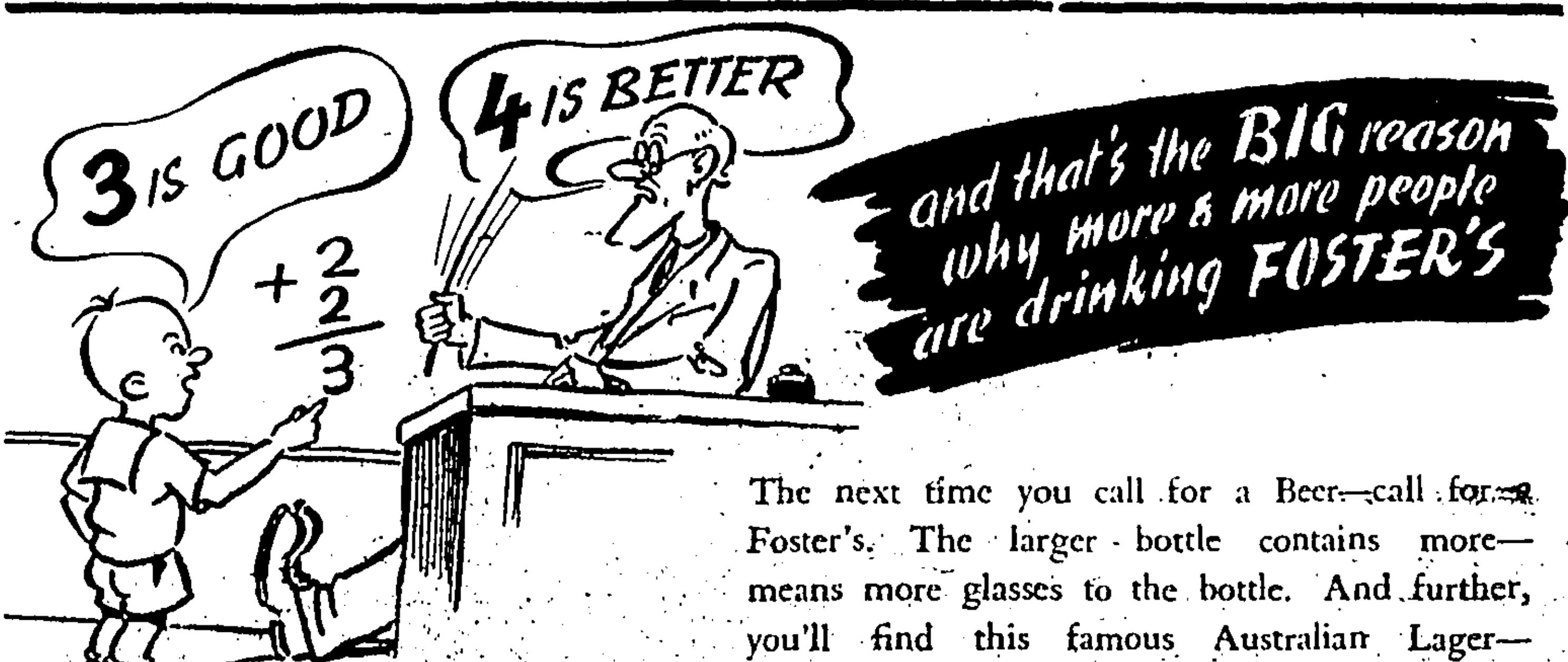
M'SEX AT FULL STRENGTH

Middlesex will be at full strength for their Senior Shield soccer match against Sing Tao tomorrow. Play will start at 4.15 p.m. on the Club ground and the band and drums of the Battalion will also be on hand.

Following is the Middlesex team:—

Jackson; Freshwater and Sheehan; Thomas, Bright and Wilkinson; Coomer, Pearson, Bullen, Saw and Marrable.

(Continued from Next Col.) this illustration in front of you all the time you are practising and you won't have to worry about referees' verdicts.



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TO AVOID TOPPING ON PUTTS



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Hands Ahead Of Putter Head

By BEST BALL

Let the hands lead the putter head prior to impact not vice versa. Putting is largely wrist and hand action and as a result the arc of the club-head is restricted. In some cases, the stroke approximates the arc made by the pendulum of a grandfather clock and the ball must necessarily be struck at the low point of the arc for accurate results. This leaves a minimum margin for an error. For instance if the putter head reaches its nadir before reaching the ball, it might very well contact it on the up-stroke and furthermore contact it so near the top that the ball would be topped.

To offset this tendency most golfers use as flat an arc as possible; the clubhead travelling just above the turf. If the hands lead the clubhead slightly, just below the left shoulder for example, such a routine is more easily accomplished. This will tend to bring the clubhead onto the ball, square to the line and furthermore at right angles to the ball. With the weight largely on the left foot, there is no danger of obstructing the path of either the hands or the putter head and the latter can move forward freely.

Next Article:—Don't Make The Knees Rigid.

BADMINTON TOURNEY AT V.R.C.

Following are the latest results in the Victoria Recreation Club badminton tournament:

Singles Handicap

D. M. Xavier (—9) beat A. K. Rumjahn (—5); A. Zimern (scr.) beat R. J. Reed (scr.).

Mixed Doubles Handicap

D. M. Xavier and Miss L. Foster (—8) beat A. K. Rumjahn and Miss J. Anderson (scr.).

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W. Fisher and A. A. Remedios beat A. A. Noronha and A. L. Rocha; M. M. de V. Soares and L. Sequiera beat O. el Arculli and N. Jaffer; A. K. Rumjahn and G. Agabeg beat L. A. Barros and A. A. Gutierrez; Dr. Ribeiro and C. Brown beat F. A. Castro and J. Neves.

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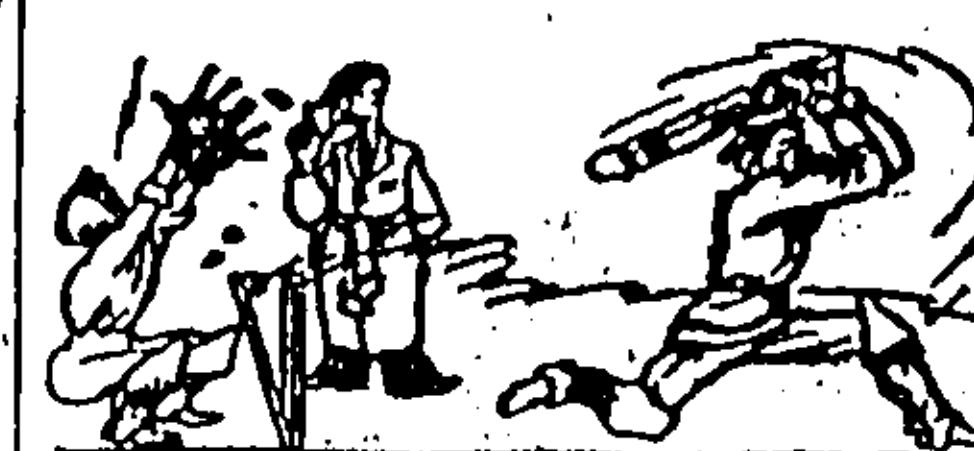
Three prominent cricketers have joined the Services recently. H. T. Bartlett, the Sussex left-hander, has joined the Royal Army Service Corps in a Cadet unit; A. E. R. Gilligan, the former Sussex and England captain, has been granted a commission in the Royal Air Force as a pilot-officer, and M. V. Umfreville, who kept wicket for the British Empire XI on many occasions during last summer, joins the R.A.F. to train as a rear-gunner.

From a schoolboy, Bartlett has been noted for the terrific power of his hitting and in 1938 he won the Sir Walter Lawrence trophy for the fastest hundred of the season by hitting up three figures in 57 minutes for Sussex against the Australians at Hove.

England Captain

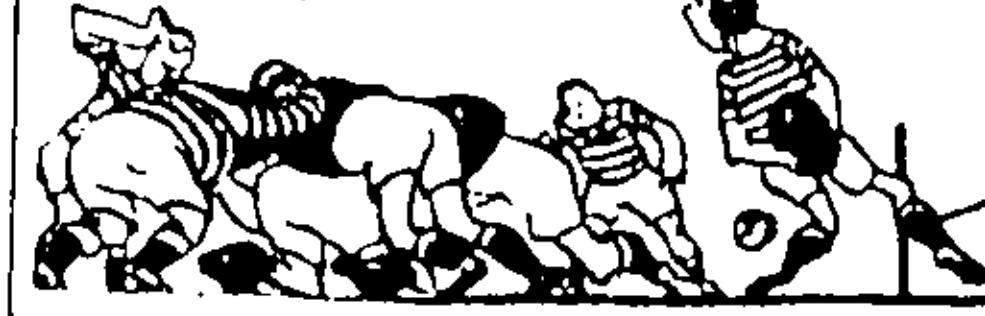
Gilligan, a splendid all-rounder, became captain of Sussex in 1922 and led England in the triumphant tournament against South Africa in 1924. He captained England's team which lost the rubber in Australia in 1924-25 but he had the satisfaction of being in charge of the team at Melbourne which gained the first victory for England over Australia since the Triangular Tournament in 1912.

His unapproached bowling performance was six wickets for seven runs when he and Maurice Tate dismissed South Africa in



1923 for 30 runs in forty-five minutes at Birmingham—this is the smallest total in Test Matches in England.

Umfreville, who is 20 years of age, is considered one of the best wicket-keepers in club cricket and he is a useful soccer inside-forward.—Reuter.



The following team will represent Royal Navy against Club tomorrow at Boundary Street at 3 p.m.:

P. O. Clough; S/Lt. McGill, Tel. Honeywill, Cdt. Lamble, S/Lt. Kennedy; Lt. Carter (Capt.), A/L Tel. Bowden; L. S. A. Palmer, R. C. Castleton, S/Lt. Winter, C. P. O. Wtr. King, L. A. C. Stockham, S/Lt. Poole, S/Lt. Eager and A. B. Hughes.

Reserves: F/Lt. Wright, E. A. Wilson, P. O. Wilson, S. B. A. Flynn, and S/Lt. Carey.

TO-MORROW'S CRICKET TEAMS

The following will represent Hong Kong C.C. against Army at Chater Road to-morrow:

H. Owen Hughes (Capt.), G. G. Aitkenhead, C. W. E. Bishop, N. D. Booker, J. C. Brown, W. G. Finnie, M. F. L. Haynes, T. G. C. Knight, D. O. Parsons, D. S. Robb, and C. M. Stark.

RECREIO

In their friendly game against Army 2nd XI at King's Park to-morrow, Recreio Juniors will be represented by:

E. A. R. Alves (Capt.), A. E. Noronha, P. M. N. da Silva, H. A. Barros, F. J. Remedios, A. J. M. Prata, J. A. Soares, A. H. Remedios, I. A. Remedios, A. A. Lopes, M. Mendonca.

UNIVERSITY

The following will represent University 2nd XI in a League match against Indian R.C. at Soekunpoo to-morrow:

R. M. Soares, T. C. Lo, T. T. Chin, R. S. Gill, S. Amplavar, E. Mazuza, J. Ameral, A. Ahmed, K. S. Ooi, L. H. Tan, and D. Chelliah.

A.1. The referee should stop the game, have the spectator removed from the field of play and handed over to the Club officials, for such legal action as they may deem necessary, and order off the player who struck the spectator. He would also report both cases to the Football Association concerned.

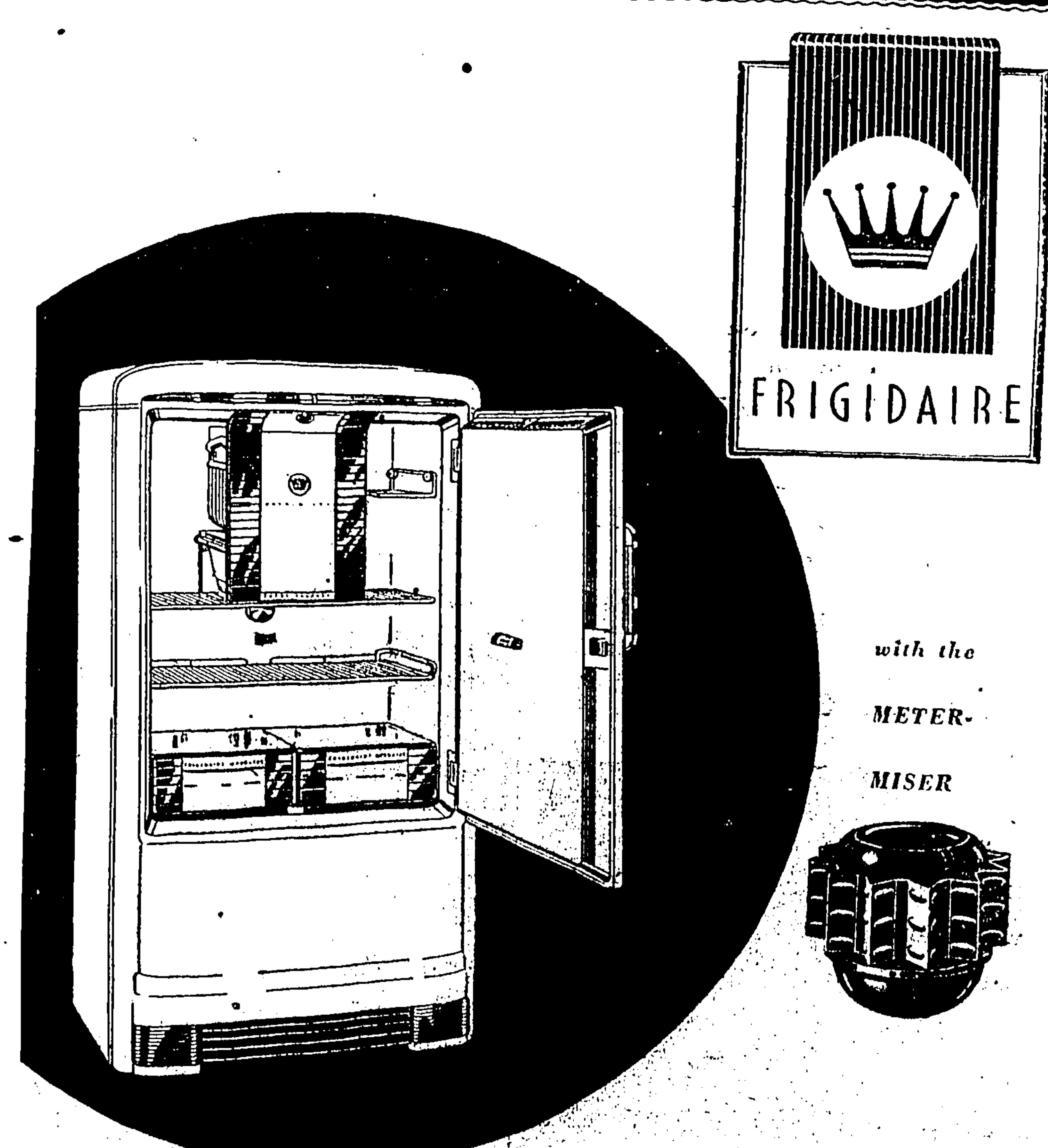
A.2. The player should be ruled offside, N.R. If a player is in an offside position he cannot put himself onside.

A.3. The referee is the only person with the power to order a player off the field of play. Furthermore a player cannot leave the field of play, except in the case of injury. The captain should be cautioned by the referee for ungentlemanly conduct, and the player who was sent off by the captain should be allowed to return to the field of play after the referee had cautioned him for having left the field without his permission.

A.4. No, but the referee reports the matter to the Football Association concerned, N.B. In all matches played under the jurisdiction of Hong Kong Football Association a player sent off the field of play shall not take part in any match until the alleged offence has been dealt with, but he shall be deemed eligible to play if, after the expiration of 10 days, his case has not been dealt with, provided he himself is not responsible for the delay. A.5. There is no time limit for a goalkeeper holding the ball.

ANSWERS

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GREEK SUCCESSES

Athen's Announces Very Heavy Italian Casualties

JAPANESE RAID ON KUNMING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Japanese aircraft again bombed Kunming yesterday.

Many buildings, including educational institutions, were destroyed. -- Our Own Correspondent.

ANTI-NAZI MOVE BY CUBA

THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA YESTERDAY DECREED ALL TOTALITARIAN ASSOCIATIONS ILLEGAL, PROHIBITED THE USE OF TOTALITARIAN FLAGS AND EMBLEMS AND BANNED ALL TOTALITARIAN PROPAGANDA.

The decree is considered to be aimed at Nazis, Fascists and Communists equally.

Meanwhile the Spanish Government has recalled its consul-general, Senor Genaro Riestra, a well-known Falangist (Spanish Fascist). It is believed in Havana that the Cuban Government requested that he be withdrawn because of his alleged anti-Democratic activities. -- Reuter.

Artillery Breaks Up Counter-Attacks

NEW GREEK SUCCESSES on the Albanian battle-front, with heavy Italian casualties in both killed and wounded, were announced by the Greek Press Ministry yesterday, according to the Athens radio.

Outlining the operations during the past twenty-four hours, the statement says that in one sector, Greek detachments launched a successful attack and dislodged the Italian troops with heavy casualties to the latter.

This operation brought the Greek forces into close proximity of an important military base held by the Italians.

On the northern front, important offensive action of a wider scope than the usual local activity was undertaken.

Local attacks in this area also resulted in valuable advantages to the Greek forces.

In other sectors, Greek artillery inflicted great losses on the Italians at points where they were about to organise counter-attacks.

Heavy Italian Losses

In an area north of Klisoura, Greek troops are slowly but steadily pushing back the enemy whose forces will eventually be placed in a very difficult situation.

According to a cable sent by the Athens correspondent of the New York "Herald Tribune," the Greek Press Ministry adds that Italian losses in Albania already exceed 60,000 men. -- Reuter.

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"Teach troops only what it is necessary for them to know during wartime and teach them as if they were under actual war conditions."

This is the keynote of an order regarding military training in 1941 issued by Marshal Timoschenko, Soviet Defence Commissar, in Moscow yesterday.

Marshal Timoschenko stresses the importance of infantry in modern warfare and urges that arms should be so co-ordinated as to secure the maximum advantage for the infantry, "which is the deciding factor in modern battles."

The "Red Star," organ of the Red Army, declare that "without good infantry victory can never be achieved in modern warfare."

According to Marshal Timoschenko, another prerequisite for victory is discipline, which he describes as the chief strength of an army, and adds it is necessary to increase the authority of commanders. -- Reuter.

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THE SECOND DAY OF THE ARMISTICE CONFERENCE BETWEEN THAILAND AND INDO-CHINA WAS HELD AT A HOTEL INSTEAD OF ON BOARD A JAPANESE WARSHIP.

Both delegations presented replies to the Japanese proposals separately to Major-General Saito, chief of the Japanese delegation.

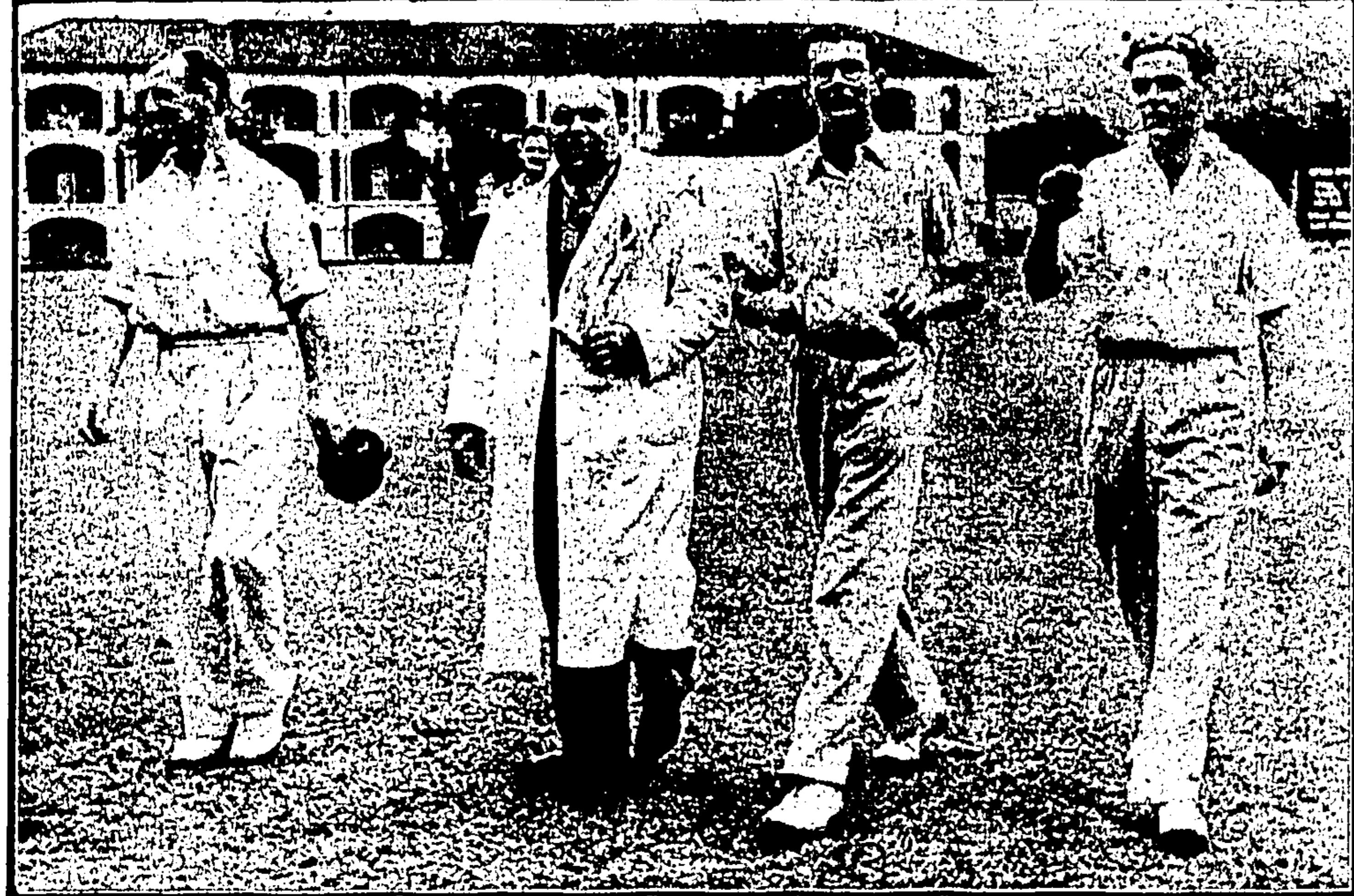
Results of the meetings are not known but informed sources believe an armistice agreement may be signed to-day. -- Reuter.



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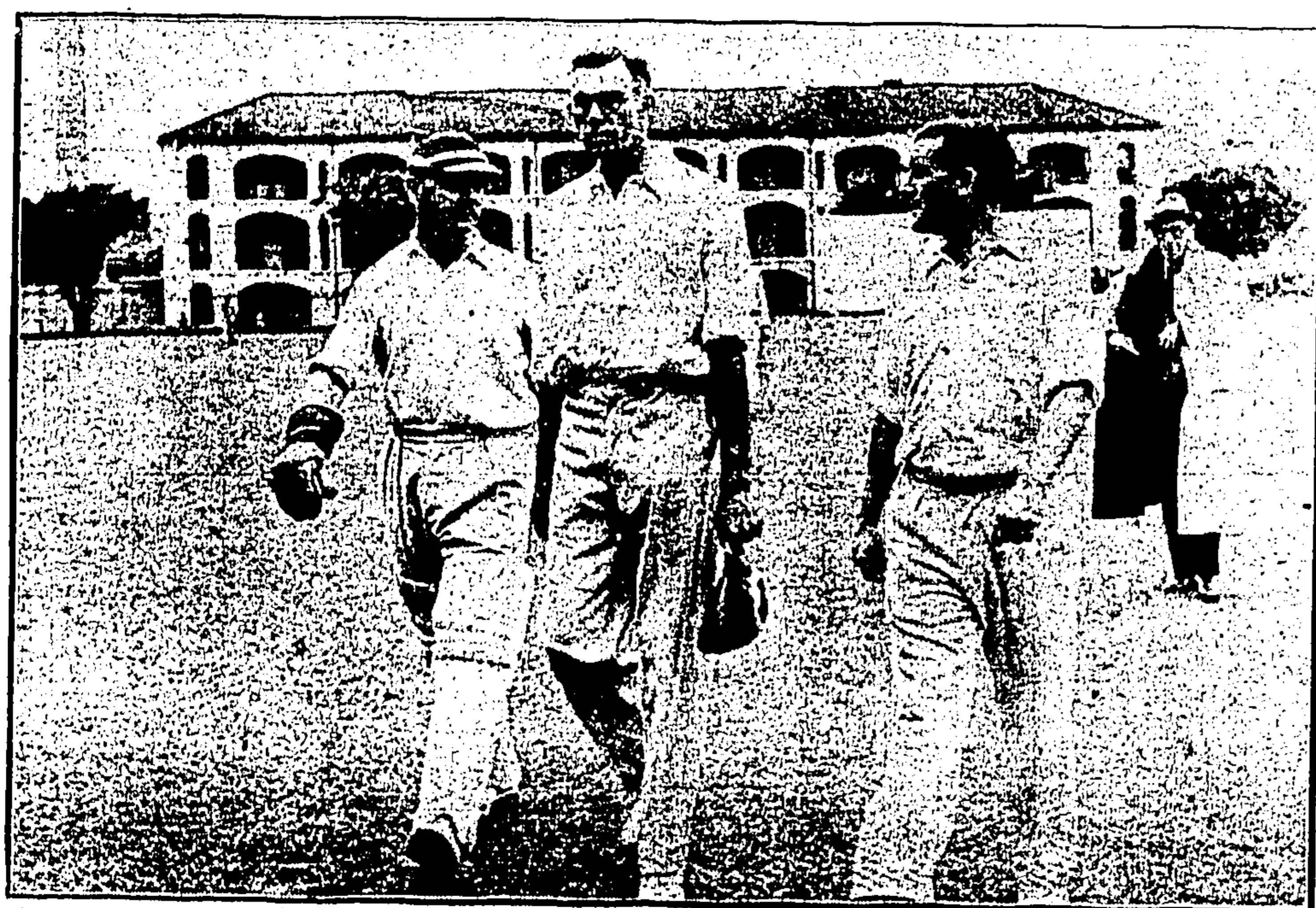
New Year Cricket



Coming in to lunch on the first day of the two-day cricket match between H.K.C.C. and K.C.C. Left to right D. McLellan, who fielded in the absence of D. O. Parsons, C. E. Gahagan (umpire), John Pearce and D. I. Bosanquet.



D. I. Bosanquet and A. E. Perry coming in to lunch on the first day of the two-day cricket match between H.K.C.C. and K.C.C.



Another group of H.K.C.C. fieldsmen. Left to right D. C. E. Gross, H. Owen Hughes, A. E. Perry, and in background, J. P. Robinson, the K.C.C. umpire.



N. A. E. Mackay (left) and E. C. Fincher, who put on 105 for the sixth wicket in Kowloon Cricket Club's first innings against Hong Kong Cricket Club in the two-day match over the holidays, after five wickets had fallen for 20. H.K.C.C. won the match by six wickets.



The Civilians defeated the Royal Navy by four goals to one in the Lai Wah Cup Competition at the Kowloon Football Club last Sunday. Photo shows the winning team. (Tong).

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SPORT STORY

Paid-Up Member

By Will R. Bird

It was raining a little at noon, but Simon Lasher drove out to his corner lot with the disc harrow. He had seen Dickie go up the back road, and he meant to intercept him as he returned; he had cleaned and oiled his old army rifle, and he meant to use it.

He hated soldier stuff, as he hated this man who had won Mary Hawkins from him and the solemn way in which Dickie would recite "In Flanders Fields." Such rot!

Mary and he had quarrelled when he criticised the poem, and Mary had refused him her company. And now, a friend had told Simon in the morning, she and Dickie were to be married as soon as school ended. So Simon had cleaned his rifle.

Dickie carefully fished an envelope from his wet jacket as he came to where Simon had dug. "See what the Legion sent me," he said proudly, holding it out. "It's—"

Simon hurried his horses. He must get to the road corner a few minutes before Dickie came in sight. He held the rifle and a shovel between his knees, and he swung his whip sharply. Folks said Simon never drove without a whip, but how could one hurry horses without it? And where would he be if he had not hurried? In ten years he had paid for his farm, and now had his house in readiness for a bride.

At the corner of the field he stopped his horses. The ground dipped slightly, forming a small hollow, and he dug in the centre of it, scooping a short, shallow trench. He had not got it as deep as he wished when he saw the horses prick up their ears. Someone was coming. He dropped his shovel. Jim Dickie was plodding past, his head down to the fine rain. Simon sneered. Not one but Dickie would go in a rain to Hank Wheeler's Post Office.

"He comes regular," Hank had reported. "He gets soldier magazines and Legion papers. He's a paid-up member, if he does live out here."

"Paid-up member!" Simon had jeered. "What good's that to him? Will it help him farm?"

He pretended to be tinkering with the disc harrow. The rifle was on the ground behind the discs.

"Hi!" he called. "Been for mail? Come over I want to show you something."

Dickie turned, his pale face friendly.

"Yes, I got something I been expecting, something special for returned men . . ."

"Come an' see where I been diggin'," Simon interrupted.

Jim Dickie vanished. Simon went to his hoeing contentedly. Mary was recovering from the shock, had got her colour back. He would go and call on her in a few days.

He pulled weeds with a vim.

Everything had gone better than he expected. There hadn't been much fuss over Dickie's disappearance, not as much as he had dreaded. And Dickie's Legion had been a joke. An official of some kind had come one day and talked with Hank—that was all that had been done. Paid-up member—pooh!

Hank had never seemed the same, but perhaps the sheriff's complete failure to find a clue to Dickie's murderer accounted for that. Simon had often looked at

the corner lot, now a shimmering green, inches deep. Who would guess its secret? It was good ground and the rain was doing fine. In the autumn he would scoop more earth in the hollow at the corner, fill it in.

hard time makin' the judge believe that. You harrowed that field the day Jim was killed—and it was your rifle we found beside him."

"You—you—found—" Simon's face whitened, became ghastly. He seemed to wilt.

"We did," Hank said grimly. "All I been doin' was watch that field of yours. I knew they'd sprout if they was near the surface."

Simon licked his dry lips. "What—sprouted?" He whispered.

"Poppies," Wheeler snapped, as they led Simon to his car. "Jim got an envelope full of seed that day—a special good kind the Legion sent to paid-up members."

U.S. Defence Needs

Evidence is accumulating that the various activities which need the United States is badly in need co-ordination.

of an Esher commission.

Needs Liaison With Congress

Certainly also the British experience should be studied, in so far as time permits; but their organisation cannot be adopted in toto because of the difference in constitutional structure and the nature of the problems to be dealt with. For example, in Great Britain the presence on the C.I.D. of certain Cabinet min-

isters is apparent, growing more so every day. The present defence commission is concerned with procurement only. Suppose it is required to produce 50,000 planes. The soldier will say, "What kind of planes? Where are you going to operate? Over what distances? Against what kind of targets? Under what conditions? Do you want all bombers, long range or short range, or do you want pursuit planes, observation planes, and so on?"

In other words, in every major decision of procurement there are tactical, strategical and political elements which must be considered. There is no way of providing a fighting force or a munitions industry which will be worth anything at all without deciding what purpose this force or this industry is meant to serve, and under what conditions it may be required to operate. No one is now making these decisions, or if they are being made the country is not being informed of it.

It may well be suggested that no greater measure toward assuring the public confidence and indeed public enthusiasm in and for the defence programme could be taken than the resolution of some of these difficulties, the bringing of some degree of order out of the present confusion. The resources of this nation are not infinite, nor is the time at our disposal. The best use of those resources, and of that precious and perhaps dwindling time margin, can only be made if we now begin to sort them out into something resembling a pattern of military and political order, rather than the kaleidoscopic mess which is all that even informed observers can now perceive.

PRECAUTION AFTER BABY ARRIVES

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There were scenes of devastation at Coventry following the attack made by German bombers at night. Photo shows a view in one of the burnt-out streets showing the debris and charred out buildings. (Copyright, Fox.)

Another point to be kept in mind is the impossibility (without courting disaster) of divorcing planning from responsibility. The men responsible for the execution of the national defence plans must have a hand in the making of those plans. Moreover, such a plan is not a thing which, when a certain point is reached, may be laid away with a satisfied sigh as a finished job. It is rather a living organism, subject to daily revision as conditions change, and must be constantly kept up to date by those who are associated with it not only as a plan, but as a responsibility.

There must therefore be found a means of reconciling the objection often made to the present joint board—that its members are busy men with jobs of their own which take the major portion of their time—and a method of associating the making of plans with the responsibility for their execution. The writer does not pretend to be able to proffer a solution for this problem, certainly not within the limits of one short article; it is one which requires thorough study and no doubt experiment to some degree before the ideal arrangement can be worked out.

BOMBED BRITAIN

(Noted American newspaper man and radio commentator, who spent the first eight months of the war in Berlin, and is now an observer in Britain)

To a neutral observer, travelling through the British Isles nowadays, the sight of homes and buildings wrecked by German bombs is not nearly so impressive as the spirit of the British people.

Arrested, now and then, by the hideous debris of what once was a worker's cosy cottage, or the gaunt skeleton of a former office building, one may ponder the destruction wrought by "man's inhumanity to man."

But one can only marvel at the courage of those who, surviving such destruction, still carry on with unflinching cheerfulness and confidence.

For there is no denying that the Nazis have failed in their principal object, which was the terrorisation of the civil population. By that, they hoped to shatter British morale; by that, they hoped to paralyse British industries; and thus bring about an early peace which, alone, would enable them to win the present war.

This failure has been due, primarily, to the ability of the British civil population to adapt itself to present circumstances, an adaptation all the more remarkable in a nation that is, by nature, comfort-loving, easy-going and peaceful.

Nazi mentalities being what they are, it is easy to understand how they would confuse such qualities with "decadence"; how they would conclude that, since martial swagger and vainglorious boastings did not have the same appeal to the British masses as they had to their own, the British had "gone soft."

If anything was needed to prick this bubble of Nazi imagination—or lack of it—the manner in which the British masses have endured the most intensive raids has done so effectively and unequivocally.

Go where you will in Britain, and you will hear no grousing; you will hear no whimpering nor complaining. You will hear only indignation at the brutality of Nazi methods; defiance of Nazi military power; and everywhere a reiterated determination that, at whatever cost, the war must be won.

What Raids Are Like

As a war correspondent, I have experienced air raids in Finland, Norway and elsewhere, and as a

result this crystallisation of British sentiment, this stiffening of British morale, resulting from indiscriminate bombings in London and other British cities and towns, did not surprise me.

My experience has been that people who have never been in air raids imagine them to be much worse than they are in reality.

That is, perhaps, only natural. Newspaper accounts of hundreds killed by bombs, and whole city blocks in ruins, fire imaginations.

—By—
WARREN IRVIN

The average newspaper reader may not stop to reason that a few hundred killed in a city of nine million souls is tragic—but not necessarily important; nor that a whole city block destroyed in a city with an area of 443,455 acres is even less important.

And, on occasion, when investigating reports of the destruction of whole city blocks, I have been surprised to find that the damage was, in fact, confined to three or four buildings in the block.

How They Took It

On September 7, when the Nazis began their intensive raids, I was in London. The raid, on that particular day, was one of the worst London has had. Few of the others since compared with it. I made it a point to observe the reactions of the people. The worst damage was in the poorer sections of the East End. I went over there, and talked with many of those whose homes had been destroyed.

Some of them had been working for twenty or thirty years to pay for those homes; and, in a flash, all their possessions had been wiped out.

Yet, to my amazement, I found that they were much more concerned with their neighbours' losses than with their own.

"I'm lucky", one man said to me. "I've lost my home. But I've still got my missus, and my job. My brother-in-law has lost both his missus and his home. He's got three kiddies, and no job."

Another man held up a battered suit case. "This is all my

missus and I have to show for thirty years of scraping and saving," he said. "But it's all part of the war—and if our boys give it back to them in Berlin, it's all right with us."

But the poorer districts weren't the only ones bombed. A few days later, the Nazis bombed the fashionable residential sections of the West End, and then, Buckingham Palace.

Poor and rich, royalty and commoners—all were victims of Nazi bombs; and all were united, as Britons, by a common bond of suffering. The rich did what they could to help the poor, to find other quarters for them, to provide food and clothing for them. There were thousands of homeless poor. The relief problem was gigantic. But they were cared for. Factory workers went to their jobs as usual; and industrial output was scarcely affected.

London Takes Cover

Still, in these early days, there was some anxiety; there were some people who couldn't sleep because of the noise made by the bombs and anti-aircraft guns—quite a few people, women especially. Then London began to move underground. Queues appeared at dusk before the entrances to the big public shelters; the doors were drawn open; the people flocked in and slept.

A strange life for Londoners, this, burrowing like moles into the earth's surface. Not so comfortable as the peacetime life in their own homes. But it was safe; and, in time, it became reasonably comfortable. At least, the people got used to it; learned to adapt themselves.

It meant a sacrifice of privacy, of course; it meant community living.

But it had its advantages, as well as disadvantages. It brought the people closer together; it made them realise that war necessitated sacrifices—by all classes alike.

And life in the shelters wasn't so bad. Some of the people brought musical instruments, and entertained their fellows. Some of the women organised knitting or sewing circles. There was plenty of conversation; and there was plenty of humour.

Facing It With A Smile

Indeed, the war seems to have made a special appeal to the British sense of humour. One encounters it on all sides. One sees it scrawled in chalk on the blackboards being used as posters by the news vendors.



A bearded Italian airman seen in London. (Copyright, Fox).

"Italy wins the Boat Race" was how one news vendor described the retreat of Italian naval forces before units of the British Mediterranean Fleet.

Shopkeepers, too, are contributing their share. In one street, where the windows of most of the shops were shattered by a bomb explosion, one shop hung out a sign: "Open as Usual." Whereupon the shop next door hung out a sign: "More Open Than Usual."

That, after weeks of intensive air raids, is the spirit of the smile.

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

I Bossed My Husband

HOT PIES with Browned Potato Tops

by Dorothy Greig

DAD was a great rooter for hot pies. "My, that smells good!" he'd say as mother set before him one of her triumphs crowned with potatoes freshly browned from the oven.

Then, as the serving spoon dipped through into the center releasing further savory whiffs of meat and vegetables, dad would bow grandly in mother's direction and announce with a flourish, "Chill-

stir well. Then add turkey gravy, turkey, cooked carrots, cooked celery and water. Pour into a baking dish and cover top with mashed potatoes. Put into a hot

oven (425° F.) for 20 minutes or until potatoes are slightly browned. Serves 6.

And I sat down and reflected upon the ten years I have been married to my husband—of all that had happened in that time, and I concluded rather sadly that I was indeed a ghost.

Perhaps I am the victim of my own ambition—a sort of Frankenstein, who had been killed by her own creation.

I see my husband as he was when I met him, youthful, crude in his manners, but whose mind was lively and receptive to impressions. He was so handsome that the world in which he moved about forgave him all his faults.

And I remember how I studied the material for a man who, with careful moulding, would eventually become an ideal husband.

I Thought I Could Change Him

What better mission could a woman have in life than to create something useful and beautiful out of such promising material? The thought fascinated me. I used to lie awake at nights thinking about the tremendous possibilities. Maybe in one, two, three, four years I could whip him into such refined shape that even his own mother would not know him.

So I came to a big decision: I will marry him, I said to myself.

And I did. It was so easy, for, you see, I, too, was young, beautiful and possessed of some culture. He responded to me immediately, and very soon he was eager to wed me.

Those early years consisted of much hard work, and sometimes it appeared that I should never make any headway. He had such appalling habits. At night he would return home and take off his boots and sit in his socks. When he blew his nose the very house shook. He sucked his teeth, ate with his mouth open; he sniffed, and when he laughed he roared like a jungle tiger.

As for his education, I found him to be relatively illiterate. He wore his clothes like a yokel, and when he was in company he made every mistake a man could possibly make.

But with patience and perseverance I made headway. There was no question of nagging him. Everything I did I did by suggestion. Even when his manners revolted me most I would never reveal my feelings.

At night I got him to study. Then after a while he was eager to go to night classes. Very soon he took an interest in everything that promised to help him along the path of life.

I Refined Him

After three years he had acquired a decent accent. He no longer dropped his ditches, sucked his teeth, sniffed or laughed like a jungle tiger. His whole manner had indeed become refined.

I took him out to my friends with no fears. He mixed easily with men of position. His personality was likeable. He knew when to speak or shut up. Soon he was making headway in the job I obtained for him through the influence of friends.

Then he developed aptitude for selling. Two years later he was making seven hundred a year. Now he was the big fellow, and the shadow of agom began to



Turkey-Mushroom Pie with Potato Cover, made of left-over turkey, is a savory dish for supper.

ture, your mother is undoubtedly the world's finest cook."

Well, appetizing aroma does stimulate appetite. On that score, the pies I give you here will win plenty of rooters. The first one is made of left-over holiday turkey, and vegetables, mixed together with turkey gravy and condensed cream of mushroom soup, and baked just long enough to blend the flavors to perfection.

Turkey and Mushroom Pie with Potato Cover
1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
1 cup turkey gravy
2 cups cooked turkey, diced
1 cup cooked carrots
1 cup cooked celery
1/2 cup water
2-3 cups mashed potatoes for cover

Empty the soup into a pan and oven (425° F.) for 20 minutes or until potatoes are slightly browned. Serves 6.

This next pie is an economy dish stepped up in flavor with the aid of condensed Scotch broth. The meat part of the dish is lamb from Sunday's roast.

Cottage Lamb Pie with Potato Top
2 cups cooked lamb, cubed
2 cans condensed Scotch broth
1/2 cup water
2-3 cups mashed potatoes for cover

Cut the lamb into 1/4 inch cubes. Combine meat, Scotch broth and water and simmer 5 minutes to heat meat and blend the flavors. Put into a casserole dish, cover with the mashed potatoes and bake in a hot (400° F.) oven for 15 minutes. Serves 6.

creep over his being, so much so that I saw the man I created with such painstaking care and such exhaustion to my own health becoming something altogether different from what I had imagined.

Perhaps it was ill-health that made me neglect my own appearance. I began to look old for my years. But I never neglected my task.

Perhaps I might have been contented with him like that had he not developed an indifference towards me, taking for granted everything I did.

And I little knew that cause of his indifference.

One night, while I was returning home in the black-out, I overheard my husband talking to a girl. She was saying to him: "That's all very well, but everybody in the town knows that your wife is the boss. She dominates you. You know that, too."

I had not the courage to tell him what I had overheard. Today I wait—I wait for my Frankenstein Monster to reveal his love for this girl.

Perhaps I should have left him as he was. What do you think?



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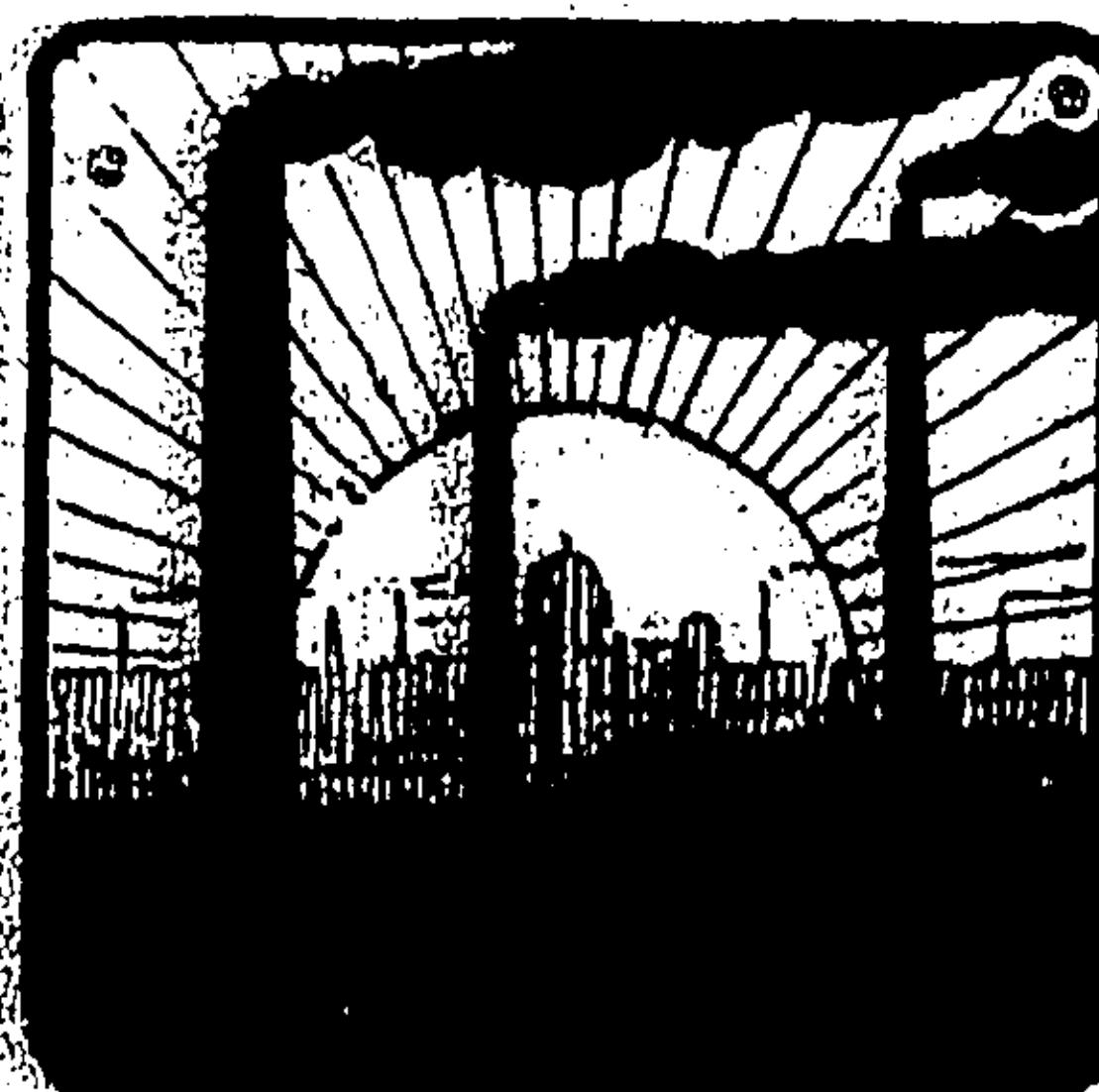
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AFTER THE BLITZ AT COVENTRY—This remarkable picture shows a scene in one of the streets at Coventry following the visit by the German raiders. (Copyright, Fox).



Robinson taking a corner shot in the Lai Wah Cup Competition last Sunday at the Kowloon Football Club.



There were scenes of devastation at Coventry following the attack made by German bombers at night. Photo shows an amazing picture at Coventry. Pedestrians are seen making their way carefully through streets of the city. (Copyright, Fox).



(Right)—A photograph taken during the Scotland-England Rugby encounter at Happy Valley.

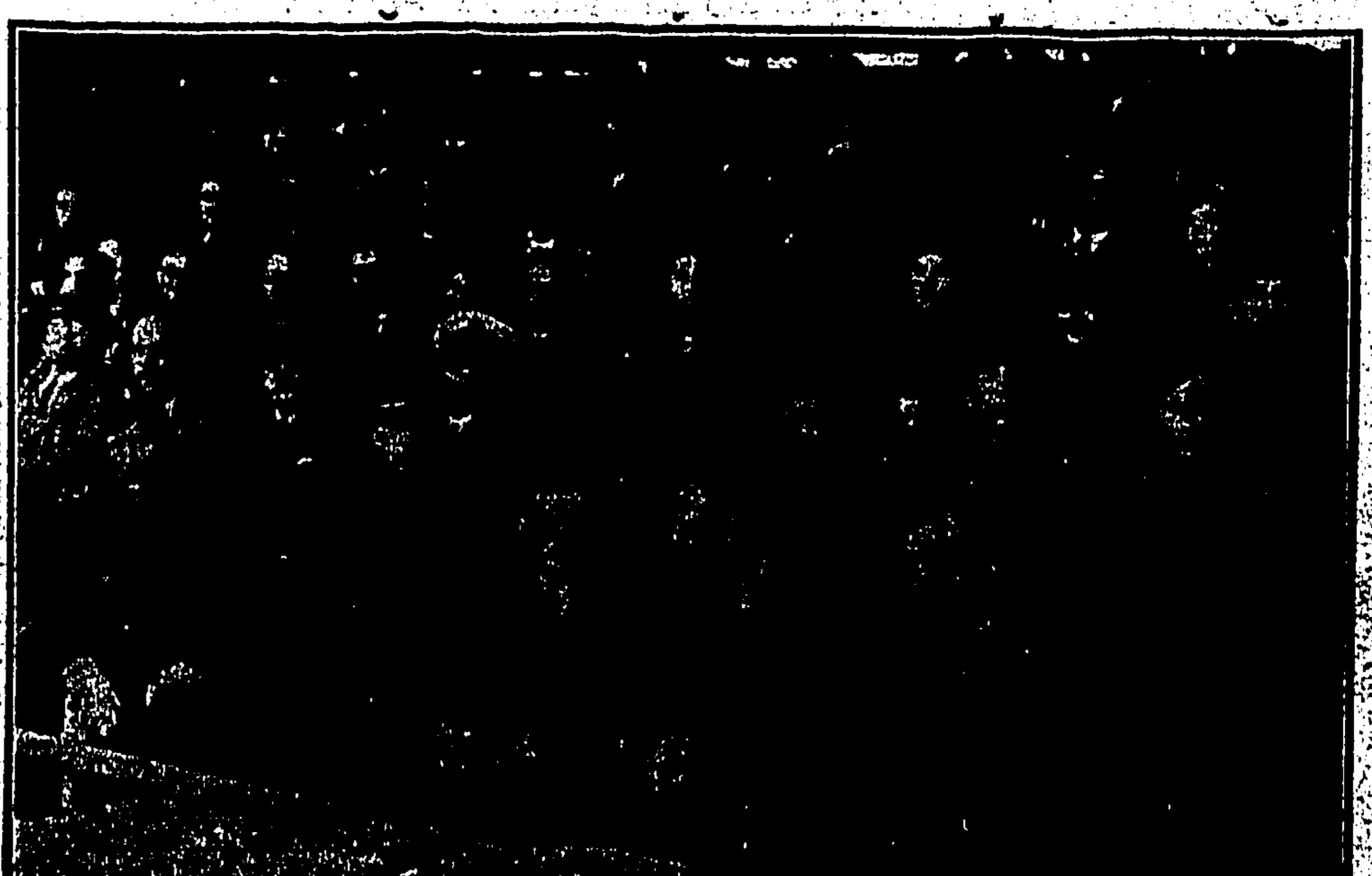


Bunker, of the Army, intercepting Lee Wai-tong's movement, rushed out and prevented the opposition from scoring during the Lai Wah Cup Competition last Sunday.



Photo shows Coventry Cathedral in the centre of the city is completely ruined by the vicious bombing. (Copyright, Fox).

(Right)—Some of the crowd who turned out to watch the Rugby encounter between Scotland and England.



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ITALIANS PUT UP FIGHT IN DERNA OPERATIONS

Majority Of Defenders Get Away

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent at G.H.Q.
of the Middle East)

THE LITTLE FISHING PORT OF DERNA, WHICH FELL EXACTLY A WEEK AFTER TOBRUK, WAS TAKEN BY THE IMPERIAL FORCES FOLLOWING AN OPERATION WHICH LASTED TWO OR THREE DAYS. THIS CONSISTED OF A SERIES OF MINOR ACTIONS.

There was no zero hour as at Tobruk and Bardia. Instead, British and Australian troops first captured the outposts, then mopped up final resistance and drove out the Italian garrison.

The garrison was believed to have numbered 10,000, the majority of whom escaped.

Derna, nearly 100 miles further along the coast than Tobruk, is provided with a good water supply.

After the fall of Tobruk, British patrols continued their swift rush forward which took them to the region of Gazala, 40 miles west of Tobruk, within the next two days.

This advance was carried out despite harassing attacks by enemy aircraft on the British mechanised forces.

The necessity to remain in port one month for discharging and loading proves the difficulties created by bombing.

During one attack a Finnish steamer was struck and the boat damaged, though able to go to Sweden for repairs.

The population takes the bombing stoically. At the same time the Germans have a wonderful capacity for speedily removing traces of bombing.

British air raids, however, are producing a psychological effect as people are commencing to feel a curious admiration for the English who, despite deadly bombing, still return with ever increasing force.

German Doubts

This admiration is slowly changing towards doubt of the reliability of German bulletins. Questions are being asked how the English possibly can increase the intensity of air raids if their own damage is as great as asserted.

English bombers show no respect for the German A.A. defence and it was possible to note their repeatedly returning to a certain position before dropping bombs." — British Wireless.

AMERICAN FIRM'S GESTURE

The Beaumont Birch Company of Philadelphia, having decided to give royalties received for exploitation of its patents in Britain to assisting the war effort, a first cheque for £200 has been sent to the Minister of Aircraft Production towards the purchase of a Spitfire. — British Wireless.

AMERICA SHOULD DECLARE WAR

Mr. James Gerrard, who was the United States Ambassador to Germany from 1913 until the United States entered the Great War, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday that he favoured an American declaration of war against Germany.

He predicted the Nazis would seize Mexico if Britain were defeated.

Replying to further questions Mr. Gerrard said a declaration of war might not actually be necessary provided President Roosevelt was given fuller powers under the Lease and Lend Bill to aid Britain. — Reuter.

BRITISH TRAWLER SUNK

The trawler Pelton has been sunk, announces an Admiralty communiqué issued in London yesterday. The next of kin of casualties were informed. — Reuter.

Top news from the field of science this year was the brand new electric refrigerator for home use. Resulting from more than three years of rigid laboratory tests and experiments, the new refrigerator is triple-acting for new-perfect preservation of all types of food.

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product of the extensive laboratories maintained in Philadelphia, Pa., by the Philco Radio and Television Corp., the new device, while no larger than the ordinary present day refrigerator, embodies three types of cold and two distinct refrigeration processes.

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Hitler Threatens Britain In Usual Blustering Speech

Reiteration Of An Old Nazi Theme

"IT IS USELESS to predict any differences with Italy or that Italy will slide out, and it is equally useless to invent revolutions in Italy," declared Hitler in the course of his message to the German people, delivered from the Sports Palace in Berlin yesterday afternoon.

"Wherever we can strike at Britain," Hitler added, "we shall strike. If the British think to see proof of their victory in a few misfortunes which have befallen our partner I do not understand their argument."

Speaking of his relations with Mussolini, Hitler said: "We two are neither Jews nor business dealers. If we have joined hands this is the hand-clasp of men of honour."

Continuing, Hitler said: "If the British think that by propaganda and lies they will alienate the German people I must say they should not have slept so long.

"It is as ridiculous as their present attempts to try and bring about an estrangement between the Italian people and the Duce."

Prayer To God

"We enter the New Year with an armed might which is prepared as never before in German history."

"This Spring we will begin U-boat warfare and our enemies will then feel we were not asleep."

"We are confident we shall achieve victory. We pray to God that he may not forsake our struggle in the New Year, 1941".

After the speech Joseph Goebbels, the Propaganda Minister, shouted: "Command, my Fuehrer! We obey and shall follow you."

When The Hour Strikes

Earlier in his speech Hitler said: "I have read on several occasions that the English intend to start a great offensive somewhere."

"I would ask them to let me know about it beforehand. I would then have that area in Europe evacuated."

"I would gladly spare them the difficulties of a landing and we would express our views once again, using the only language they understand."

"We stand here on this continent, and from where we stand nobody can move us."

"We have created certain bases. When the hour strikes we shall deal decisive blows."

American Aid

"And that we have made the most of our time they will be taught by history this year."

"They are calling for America. We have taken into account every possibility in advance."

Hitler added that Germany had never had any interest on the American Continent. — Reuter.

MR. N. L. SMITH BACK IN COLONY

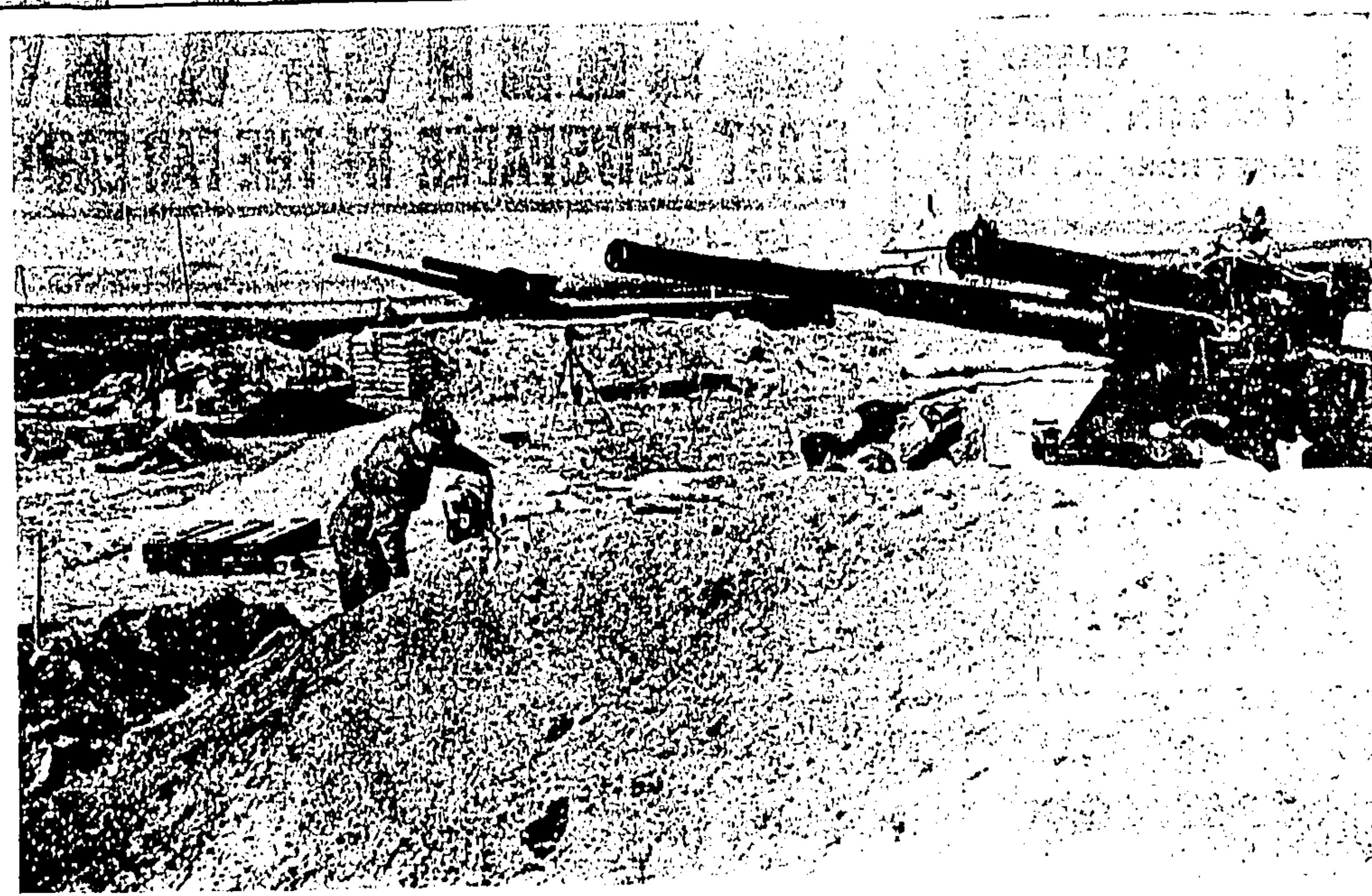
The Honourable Mr. N. L. Smith, Colonial Secretary, returned from Chungking yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Smith stated that the visit to Chungking was a personal one and was not on official business.

Mr. Smith left for Chungking last Monday.

ANTI-GAS HELMETS FOR BABIES

The Home Secretary stated in the Commons yesterday that his department had issued about one and a quarter million anti-gas helmets for babies, says a British Wireless message from London.



BRITISH AND CANADIAN TROOPS IN ICELAND—Two of the Anti-Aircraft guns.

SOUTH AFRICAN AIR BLOW TO ITALIANS

ONE OF THE MOST successful operations carried out by the South African Air Force on three successive days, dealing a crippling blow to the Italians without loss on their part, is described in a cable from Nairobi to-day.

ARMY BILLET FEE IS NOT ENOUGH

Women who have been puzzling their brains how to feed soldiers billeted in their homes on 2s. 7d. per day might just as well give it up.

Military authorities admit it can't be done—that is, if there are only one or two soldiers.

"We have gone into the complaints we have had about the inadequacy of the allowance," Colonel K. Martin, chief billeting officer for the Northern Command told a reporter.

"We admit that a housewife with only one or two soldiers to please cannot do all she would like to do for them unless she is in a position to give them something from her own larder."

"That is why many women who have sufficient accommodation are asking for four and even six soldiers to be billeted on them."

"The aggregate amount they receive enables them to give the men all they think they should have."

One thing the Army is proud of is that the women of Britain, generally speaking, are enthusiastic to have soldiers billeted in their homes. They regard it as a privilege and a patriotic duty to be able to give men away from their own homes some of the comforts of the fireside and better cooking.

Billeting officers in the Northern Command have now commanded 17,000 buildings, from small houses to mansions and factories, as winter quarters for troops.

Rental claims are being paid at the rate of 50s. a week.

If it is six months or more before some property owners receive their money, it cannot be avoided. The clerical staff of this department are working at top pressure.

As a result the car park at Oegoth, housing over 150 vehicles, has been completely gutted.

The Yavello aerodrome has sustained severe damage and one Caproni has been destroyed and others damaged while at Sciasciemannia, over 40 miles beyond the frontier and halfway to Addis Ababa, six other Italian aircraft were destroyed or seriously damaged.

Pilots of two squadrons flew 100 miles over wilderness inhabited by hostile people—over a distance on some occasions longer than the R.A.F. have to cover when they bomb Berlin. — Reuter.

MUTUAL AXIS BACK SCRATCHING

"Comradely greetings" from Mussolini to Hitler are expressed by the Duce in a telegram to the Fuehrer on the eighth anniversary of his accession to power.

This, says Mussolini, "finds Italy and Germany fraternally allied in the final revolutionary fight for the creation of a new Europe."

Mussolini adds: "The whole Italian nation unites with me on the occasion of this celebration in unchangeable loyalty and with unshakable resolution to fight to final victory."

Hitler, replying, says: "Shoulder to shoulder with our friendly ally, the Italian nation, Nazi Germany fights on determinedly and with sure consciousness of her ultimate victory for a new Europe."

King Victor Emmanuel also sent a congratulatory message, to which Hitler cordially replied. — Reuter.

AIR RAID ON SUEZ CANAL ZONE

The Suez Canal area was subjected to an air raid yesterday morning. Bombs were dropped but no damage caused and there were no casualties.

Alerts were sounded in Cairo and other places in lower and upper Egypt as the enemy passed over towards the Canal area. — Reuter.

DON'T BLEAT

"It is no use bleating about everyone being in the front line and then just sitting still," declared Mr. A. M. Lyons, M.P. for East Leicester, at Leicester.

"Every effort must be made now, not when it is too late. There should be communal feeding, communal housing, shelter, sleeping and entertaining arrangements made everywhere. It is high time we were prepared in every area for whatever calamity may occur."

The housewife's table must also be protected. He was determined to secure that the newly-appointed food investigation committee had powers to prosecute and take immediate action against any exploiter.

Prices should be fixed for all food-stuffs. That should not be done after they had soared beyond the reach of the housewife's purse, as was the case with onions.

COMMONS QUESTIONS ON KESWICK AFFAIR

A QUESTION WAS PUT in the House of Commons yesterday by Sir J. S. Wardlaw-Milne (Cons.) regarding the wounding of Mr. W. J. Keswick, Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, at the Ratepayers' Meeting.

HERTZOG HONOURED

A Bill granting General Hertzog, ex-Premier of the Union of South Africa, an annual pension of £2,000 was passed by the All States Assembly yesterday at Cape Town.

The Prime Minister, General Smuts, said that the pension was intended not as a favour but as an honour for a man who led the country through some of its most troublesome days.

In a tribute to General Hertzog's sincerity and determination to do the best for his people, General Smuts expressed the hope that General Hertzog would continue to serve the country and that the Hertzog tradition, which kept public life in the Union free from corruption, would remain the tradition of South Africa. — Reuter.

WILLKIE HAS A FEW DRINKS

From Park Lane To Mix With Labourers

"As Good As An Armistice Day To Us"

MR. WENDELL WILLKIE threw convention to the winds yesterday when he left his Park Lane hotel and went to a public house, where he had a pint of beer and played darts with builders and labourers.

He stood drinks to a party of soldiers on leave and at the invitation of the landlord went behind the bar, pulled himself a glass of beer and joked with the barmaid.

LEASE AND LEND BILL PASSES COMMITTEE

President Roosevelt's Lease and Lend Bill to aid the Democracies was yesterday approved by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives.

Earlier the Committee was reported to have rejected an amendment placing a limit of \$2,000,000,000 on the Lease and Lend proposals. — Reuter.

BRITISH OVERSEAS TRADE

A return of British overseas trade in December shows imports of £73,574,985 as compared with £72,930,436 in November and £86,584,859 in December 1939.

Exports were £24,397,058 as against £21,668,181 in November and £40,168,028 in the previous December.

Re-exports were £653,168 as compared with £723,241 in November and £2,501,577 in December 1939.

Total imports for 1940 reached £1,099,868,877—the highest for more than ten years, being nearly £70,000,000 higher than the previous peak year in that period—1937.

The exports total for 1940 is the lowest at £418,084,205 since 1934. — British Wireless.

INDUSTRY IN INDIA

The Secretary of State for India said in the Commons yesterday he would gladly ask the authorities in India to give such attention as may be possible in the circumstances to the important suggestion in question that, in view of the great expansion in the Indian manufacturing industry which is likely to take place during the war, and of the desirability of ensuring location of industries in India which will as far as possible avoid the creation of unwieldy urban concentrations and permit representatives.—British Wireless.

Afterwards Mr. Willkie and the landlord toasted each other in a bottle of champagne which the landlord had been keeping for armistice day "but you are as good as an armistice day to us."

Mr. Willkie signed his autograph many times before leaving for lunch at Claridge's with the Lord Chancellor, Lord Simon, who afterwards conducted Mr. Willkie on a tour of the bombed Temple.

Mr. Willkie shook his head when he saw the ruins of the historic Middle Temple Hall and the damaged Inner Temple Library and Hall and said: "It seems unbelievable. This destruction is all so utterly useless from the point of view of Germany's war effort."

Call At Admiralty

Accepting a glass of brandy from the famous cellars, which were untouched by the raids, Mr. Willkie toasted the "restoration of the Temple."

Later Mr. Willkie called at the Admiralty where he saw the First Lord, Mr. A. V. Alexander, and was shown the famous map room during an air raid.

Afterwards Mr. Willkie said he saw Mr. Alexander for about half an hour, and also talked with other officials.

"We discussed the whole naval situation and things that are most needed." Everyone talked to me with complete candour and the visit was very instructive."

English Justice

Speaking of his lunch with Lord Simon, Mr. Willkie said they talked about the English courts system and the way justice was functioning under war conditions. "I had the impression that English courts were still open and free and operating under old-established rules modified only by war regulations." — Reuter.

WANG MAN KILLED

Chi Hsiang-ching, manager of the Hui Yuan Native Bank in Ningpo Road in the International Settlement, Shanghai, was fired upon by two gunmen yesterday morning when he was leaving his residence in Rue Kraetzer in the French Concession. He received two bullet wounds in the head and succumbed instantly. Both gunmen escaped after the shooting.

It is said that Chi served concurrently as an expert of the Central Reserve Bank organised by the Wang Ching-wei regime. — Central News.

ARMED RAID IN TERRITORIES

Six men armed with revolvers and daggers raided a village hut in Pat Heung Village, Au Tau, New Territories, last night.

They escaped afterwards with over \$200 in money and articles.

of industrial workers continuing to live in rural areas, he would request the Government of India and Provincial Governments in India to give special attention to the location of new factories in consultation with unofficial Indian urban concentrations and permit representatives.—British Wireless.



INDIAN SOLDIERS LUNCH TIME "POW WOW."—Indian soldiers in London entertain each other and onlookers during their lunch break. Photo shows a tin hatted Indian soldier doing the native dance to the music of the "tom tom" and clapping of hands. (Fox, Copyright).

SUCCESSOR TO MR. LINDSELL

The appointment of Mr. Paul Ewart Francis Cressall as Puisne Judge, succeeding the late Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, has been announced.

Leave for Mr. Cressall to South Africa en route for Hong Kong is under consideration.

Mr. Cressall is one of the four British Presidents of the District Court, Palestine.

Born in 1893, Mr. Cressall was educated at Cranleigh School and entered the civil service in 1911 when he was posted to British Guiana and attached to the Police. On the outbreak of the war he was a lieutenant in the British Guiana Militia Infantry and served as captain with the British West Indies Regiment in East Africa and Palestine from 1915 to 1919, being awarded the Military Cross.

Returning to British Guiana after the hostilities he was again attached to the Police and, passing his final law examination in 1921, was called to the bar at Gray's Inn in 1923. After various positions in the police and judicial departments of the Colony, he eventually rose to be chief stipendiary magistrate, in which post he acted as chairman of several Royal Commissions.

Mr. Cressall went to Palestine as senior British Magistrate in 1931 and was appointed to the District Court in 1933.

LOOTERS HOLD UP RESCUERS

While Home Guard and A.R.P. men were rescuing people buried at night beneath a bomb-wrecked public-house in London, a gang of four men looted other premises nearby.

Home Guards had to stop rescue work to prevent further thefts.

Occupants of one damaged house returned home from a public shelter to discover that clothing kept in their Anderson shelter was missing.

"I left a new coat in the shelter and it had gone when I returned home," Miss Isabella Matt told a reporter. "An old age pensioner lived with us, and he is greatly upset because a shirt he had just bought has also been stolen."

Four men were seen near a provision shop, the door of which had been broken. A Home Guard guarded it all night.

AINTREE CLASSIC ABANDONED

THE WORLD-RENNOWNED STEEPELCHASE, THE GRAND NATIONAL, WILL NOT BE RUN THIS YEAR AND PROBABLY NOT AGAIN UNTIL AFTER THE WAR.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Home Secretary, told the Commons yesterday he had considered a proposal to hold a substitute Grand National at Cheltenham, instead of the normal venue at Aintree, but reached the conclusion that this fixture was undesirable. — Reuter.

A.R.P. AGAINST BABY-KILLERS

An air-raid shelter is to be built for children only in a district of the Forest of Dean, where, so far, air raids are unknown.

The shelter, it is believed, is the first of its kind to be planned in the country.

It is to be built by the West Dean Civil Defence Committee because of the fear that children at a local recreation ground, which is some distance from the nearest houses, may be machine-gunned by the Nazis.

The county architect and the Regional Commissioner are now being consulted on the matter.

HONG KONG MAIL LOST

The Postmaster-General announces that letters by surface route for the United Kingdom, via the United States, posted in Hong Kong about October 27 and 28 and November 1 and 2 have been lost through enemy action.

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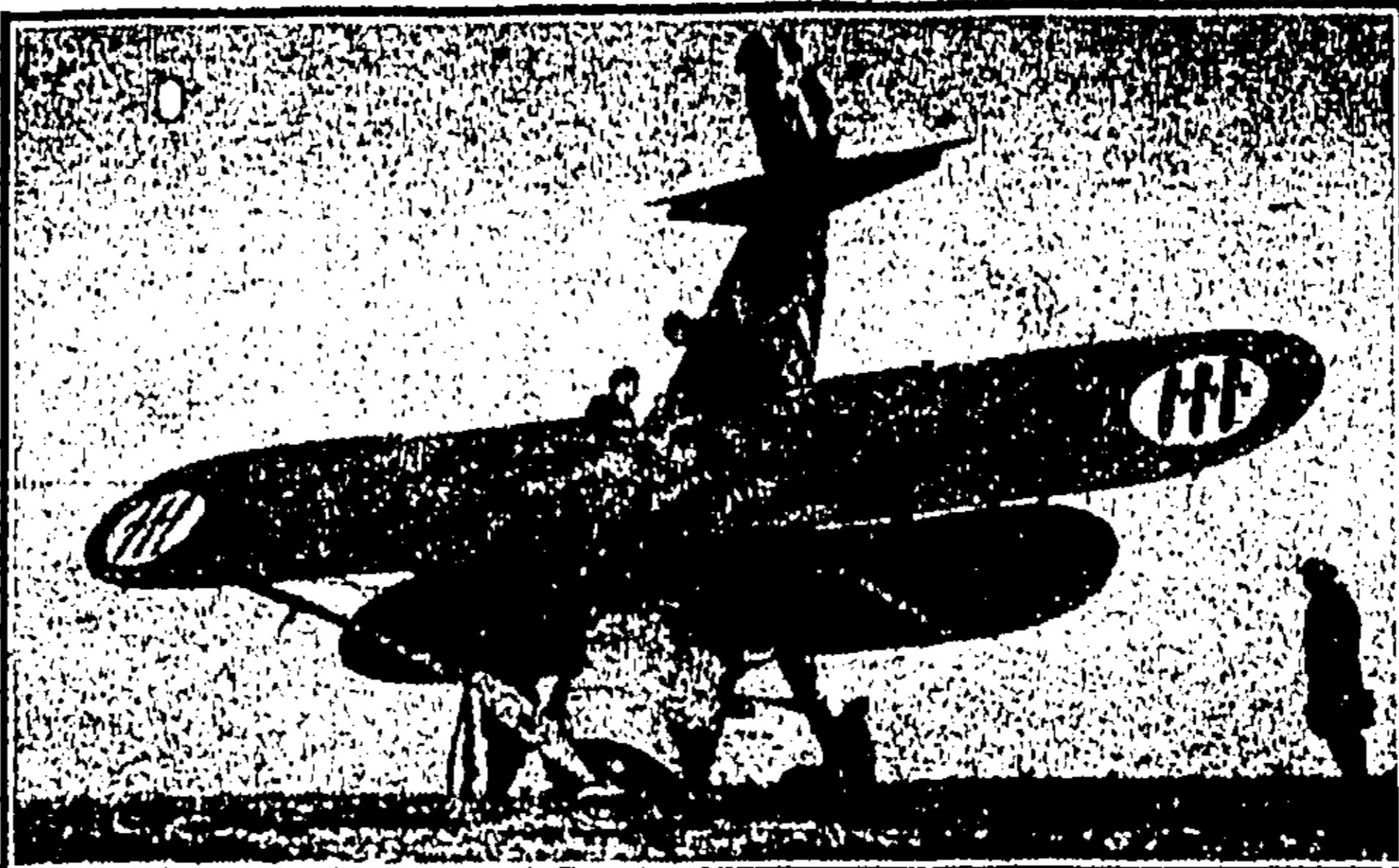
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A WOP FIGHTER COMES TO EARTH—Judging by this picture of an Italian fighter plane that came to grief at Orford, Suffolk, the pilot was evidently in a great hurry to come to earth when the R.A.F. arrived on the scene. This was one of the thirteen wop planes which came to grief on their first raid on Britain. (Fox, Copyright).

Those Italian Stories

The Yugoslav Government has taken action against two American journalists in Belgrade, correspondents of the "New York Times" and the Columbia Broadcasting System.

Reason is their allegedly initiating reports of disorders in Turin, Verona and Milan, according to the Belgrade correspondent of the Italian news agency in a message to Rome.

Both men have been forbidden to use the telephone for a week and the Columbia correspondent has been forbidden to use the Belgrade broadcasting station for broadcasts to the United States for three weeks.—Reuter.

FAKIR IN PAY OF THE NAZIS

THE FAKIR OF IPI, WHOSE TURBULENT ACTIVITIES ON THE NORTH-WEST FRONTIER OF INDIA MADE HIM A NOTORIOUS FIGURE, IS NOW MAKING CONTACT WITH ENEMY INFLUENCES IN AFGHANISTAN, ACCORDING TO REPORTS REACHING NEW DELHI YESTERDAY.

It is learned that German propaganda influences in Afghanistan, where there is a considerable German colony, are becoming noticeable.

A large number of pamphlets are being circulated in various parts of the country and are filtering into tribal areas adjoining the British Indian frontier.—Reuter.

ANGLO-U.S. CONTACT ON FAR EAST

SIR J. S. WARDLAW-MILNE ASKED IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY WHETHER THE UNDER-FOREIGN SECRETARY COULD GIVE AN ASSURANCE THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, IN ALL MATTERS AFFECTING RELATIONS WITH CHINA AND JAPAN, ARE WORKING IN CLOSE CO-OPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

Mr. R. A. Butler replied: "As has been made clear on more than one occasion in the past, the Government maintains contact with the United States Government in all matters of common interest, and that remains our policy." — Reuter.

Raiders Go For Balloons

London experienced another day of intermittent air raid alerts following Wednesday night's fire-bomb attack which again was defeated by civilians.

German aircraft, working singly, dropped bombs in the London area and in parts of south-east England and east Anglia. Some houses and shops were damaged but the number of casualties so far reported is small. German fighters reverted to their pastime of last summer of shooting at barrage balloons.

Thick fog and low clouds above which the balloons floated obscured the raiders from the A.A. defences but they were given a hot reception.

One German plane was destroyed by fighters in the afternoon over Essex.—Reuter.

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The wedding took place to-day at the Registry of Mr. Mui Chan-de, merchant, of No. 303, Des Voeux Road, and Miss Dolores Nip, of No. 3, Village Road.

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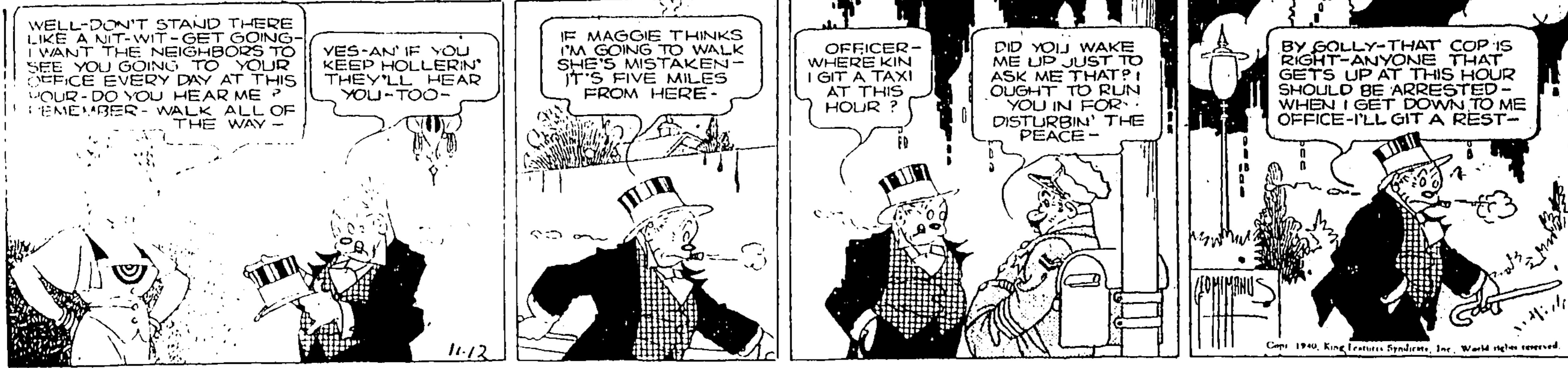
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BOMB PROCESSION CHEERED BY A HIDDEN CROWD

Helen Kirkpatrick, London correspondent of the "Chicago Daily News," sent the following cable to her paper on a different kind of procession from those seen by newspaper correspondents in European capitals in peace-time:

At first when the manager of a famous London hotel approached us, it had been left open and untenanted by lancers with the news, etc., but muffled by yards of stone everyone, from the Chief Whip, between them and the majestic Capt. Margesson, to lowly porters, looked startled.

"What do you mean?" the police have ordered everyone out of the hotel during the procession."

"That's the order," said the manager, spreading his hands in deprecating fashion. "Actually the police said that everyone must go 50 yards from the street for the procession, but I'd advise 3,000 yards."

In good order the guests paid their bills and left by the back door, not, as might be thought, in fear of what first seemed the Gestapo-like activities of the British police, but in genuine respect for a procession which was to pass down a famous London thoroughfare on the stroke of three.

Peeping out behind a solid stone building a good 30 yards from the street, we watched the mysterious procession passing.

Slowly from unseen crowds equally well hidden behind buildings all along the street came

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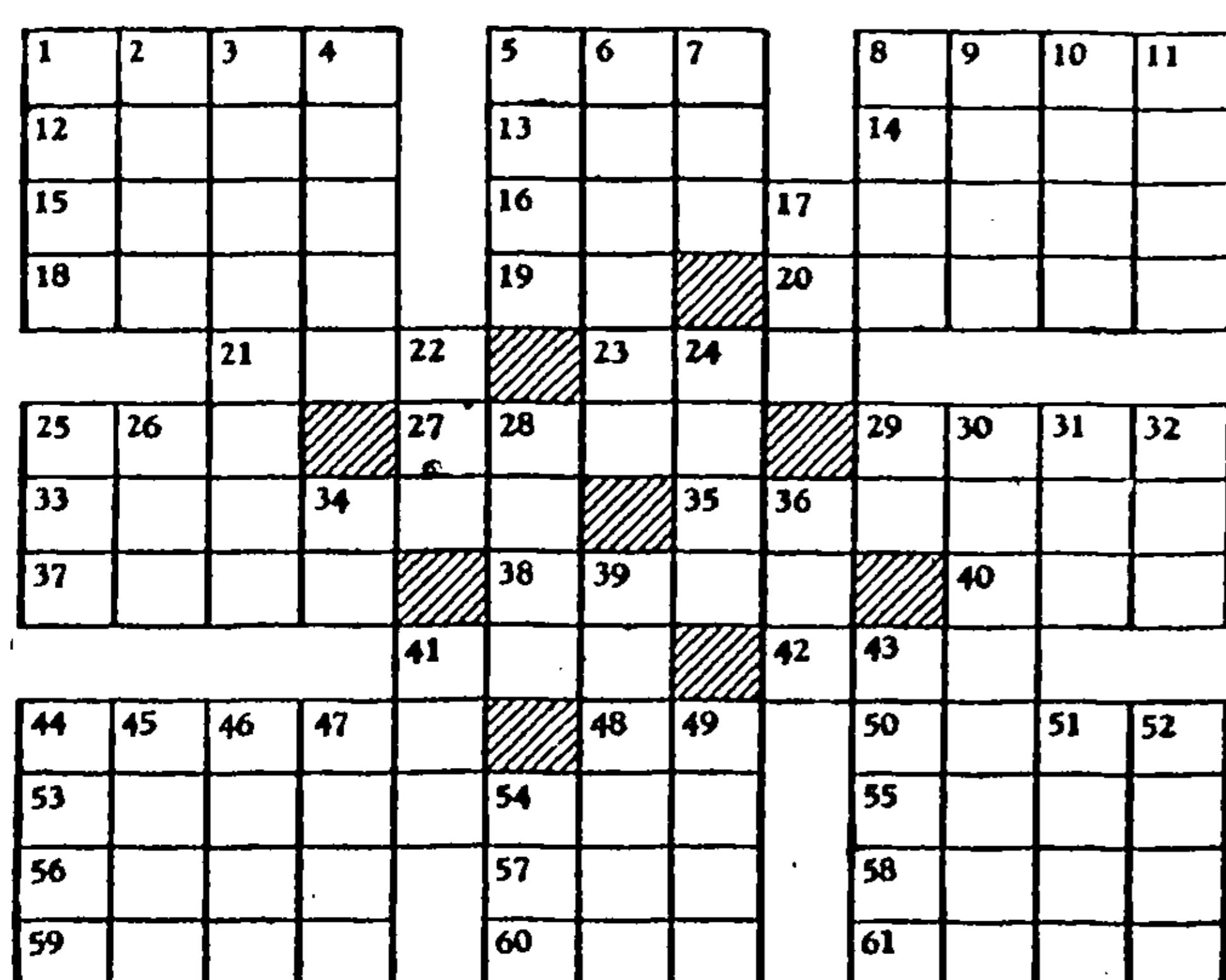
"There on a large army lorry, escorted by outriders, sat the biggest bomb we had ever seen that close, and, sitting beside it, seeming to stroke it into a brief quiescence, sat the calm figure of an army engineer.

As it roared its way down the street towards us, we noted some eager marshals, the police shed their Gestapo role and welcomed us back.

RECORD AT THE KING'S

For the first five days of the roadshow engagement of "Thief of Bagdad" at the King's Theatre the total box office receipts amounted to \$19,500.00, while over 18,000 people saw the picture on the first five days. The last house record was established by "Good Earth" which played seven days and the total gross for the run was only \$19,000.00.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

1 Vertical pole.

5 Resort.

8 Gamin.

12 Ancient musical instrument.

13 Swiss canto.

14 Booth.

15 Colloquial: to vex.

16 Lemon-coloured.

18 Molten rock.

19 Pronoun.

20 Group of eight.

21 Dutch community.

22 Pig-pen.

25 Woodland dell.

27 Opening for passage.

29 Ancient Egyptian alloy.

33 To fix firmly.

35 Impact.

37 Yucatan.

38 Small particle.

40 Wager.

41 To wander.

42 To jostle.

44 Ascended.

45 Latin conjunction.

50 British Island in the Pacific.

53 Lethargic.

55 Aerie.

56 Dash.

57 Man's name.

58 Solar disc.

59 Withered.

60 Scotch cap.

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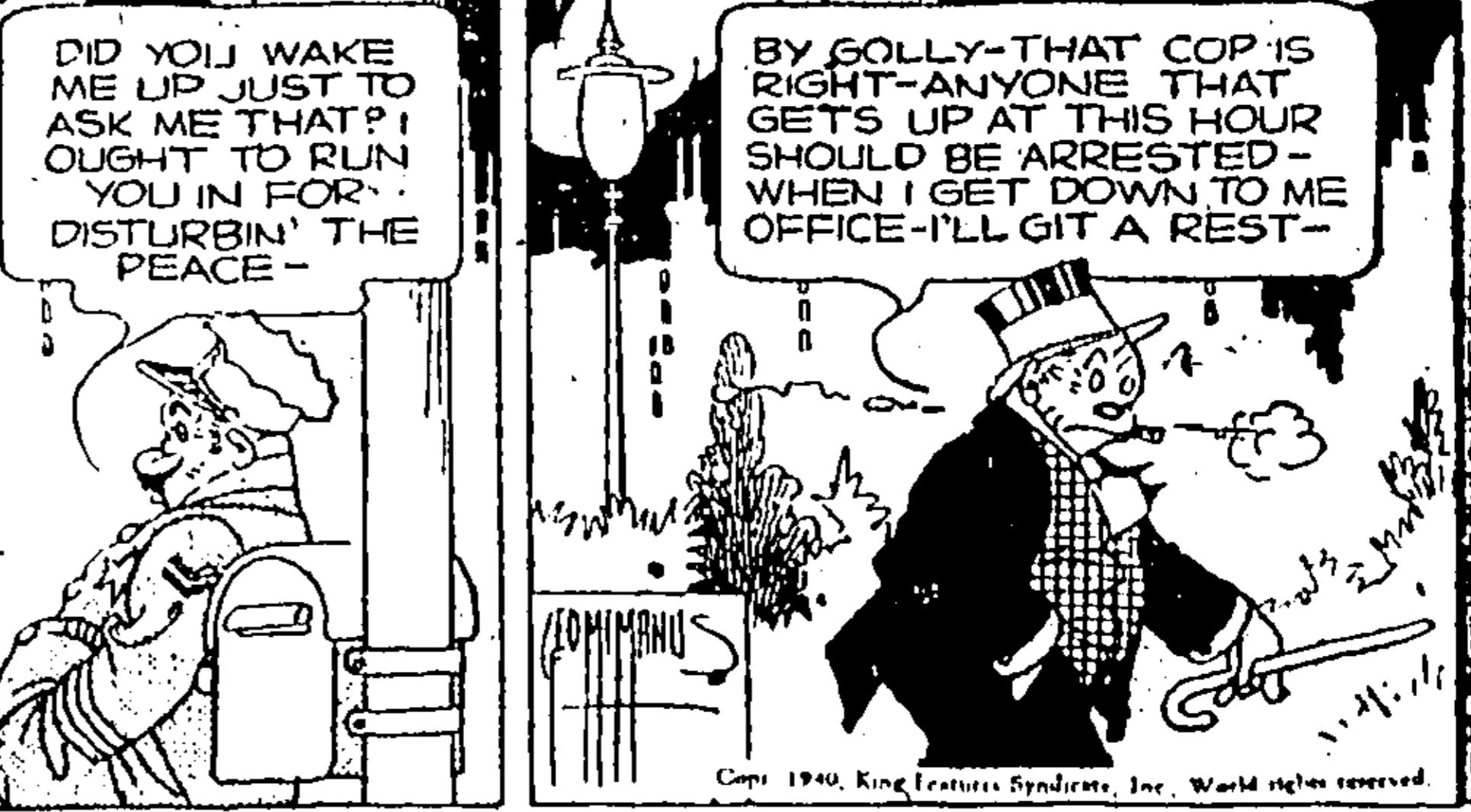
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BATTLE AT A.R.P. CENTRE

How a crowd of 200 people, led by a girl of 21, forced the gates of the Stepney A.R.P. Control Centre in an attempt to see Captain Beaumont, the A.R.P. Controller, was told at Old Street.

Five people were further remanded on bail, charged with contravening the Public Order Act by using insulting behaviour.

They were Simon Levy (37), Anthony Street, Stepney; Simon Herschenal (24), Plough Street, Stepney; Michael Myer Neidle, (29), Beaumont Square, Mile End; Ivan Seruya (27), Christian Street, Stepney; and Alice Kirson (21), Christian Street, E.

Rushed Gates

Alice Kirson was further charged with assaulting a War Reserve constable and Neidle and Seruya with having obstructed a police-sergeant.

Pleas of "Not guilty" to all charges were entered.

For the prosecution, it was alleged that on the afternoon of October 20 War Reserve Police-constable Fuller, on duty at the gates of the Control Centre, saw a number of people coming, and closed the gates.

Miss Kirson, who was leading, demanded to see Captain Beaumont and he asked her to wait.

Instead, she shouted, "We are going inside to see the—" and struck him.

She shouted to the crowd to rush the gates, and they did so.

After A.R.P. workers tried to stop the crowd, and fights occurred, police were ordered to clear the yard when an alert sounded.

The defendants were then alleged to have shouted such remarks as "Come on, let's get at the yellow—" and encouraged the crowd to attack the police.

It was said that Herschenal unsuccessfully tried to attack Sergeant Cocks, and that Kirson referred to the police as "Yellow Fascist—" and called on the people to "Have a go."

When she was arrested by that officer, Seruya jumped on his back. Sergeant Cooper then took hold of the girl, and Neidle tried to trip him up.

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MIDLANDS RALLIED TO AID COVENTRY

(By RITCHIE CALDER)

THE WHOLE OF the Midlands has been organised to help the people of the Stricken City of Coventry. I have seen to-day the efforts which are being made. What has impressed me most is the way in which the authorities are applying, under difficulties, the lesson of London.

The bomb devastation, by its very concentration, is worse than anything I have found — even in London. The death roll was stated to exceed 250.

I have been out along the road over which people trekked with their baggage away from the ruins of their homes.

And I have met them coming back — men mostly, on their way back to work, but also lots of women going to salvage what they can of their homes.

These incredible women of Coventry climbed over ruins to the fragments of their houses. In the kitchens, among all the debris, they contrived to cook their husbands' meals. And in the evening they went back to the rest centres in the country, where their families were being cared for.

Soup Kitchens

Those who came from parts of the city were barred off by cordons to-day from their homes because the blasting of dangerous structures was going on.

Hundreds of thousands of loaves have been sent in from surrounding cities and districts.

Mobile canteens at the street corners provided mid-day meals. Soup kitchens were opened.

Wrecked public-houses were open and doing a boisterous trade, though each customer had to bring his own glass.

Since the middle of the night of the raid, while the bombs were still dropping regional authorities have been in the district trying to prevent a breakdown of social services.

Miss Florence Horsbrugh, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health, came down with a staff from London to supervise the arrangements for dealing with the homeless and to organise the removal of casualties and hospital cases.

Flying Squad

Ministry of Health inspectors over a wide area received an SOS telling them to abandon all work and to make for Coventry. Those who had cars brought others, and they formed a flying squad which linked up and organised the shattered organisation in Coventry.

There had been 14 rest centres in Coventry. After the bombing only four were fit to function.

Since then some of the others have been restored.

Nevertheless, by an urgent summons in the early hours of Friday, centres in Warwickshire, Northamptonshire and Leicestershire were called on to throw open their doors and receive the homeless of Coventry.

A large service of buses was concentrated on Coventry, but the tremendous difficulty was to get the transport near the scenes of the devastation.

Marshals, under the direction of Ministry of Health officials, went through the district with Ministry of Information vans, helping as far as possible, telling the people where to go.

Sleeping Out

It is true that hundreds slept in the open throughout the first night, and, indeed, many of them slept again the following night and last night.

Miss Florence Horsbrugh assured me that there was no need whatever for anyone to sleep out. They had search parties and marshals patrolling every road out of Coventry and well into the country, telling people where they could find shelter and food.

As I came along the road I saw large numbers of cars and caravans parked in fields where people had spent the night.

But I found also, over a very wide area on all the many roads which radiate out of Coventry, an elaborate system of rest centres. Every authority had responded to

the needs of the outraged city.

I found, in the ballroom of a village hotel, several hundreds of people comfortably provided for in a well-heated atmosphere with abundant mattresses and blankets.

Soldiers Help

Here the local soldiers had come to the rescue as a spontaneous piece of cooperation.

In another centre in the same village I found meals being prepared for hundreds more in Army field kitchens. Gradually, the relief services of the Ministry of Health, of the region of the local authority, and of all the voluntary services, had collected the homeless and moved them out rapidly as far as possible from the bombed city.

The people went reluctantly in many cases, because their husbands and working members of the family were prepared to stay on and work in Coventry.

Gently Done

But they were handled gently and tactfully and told by the officials that they wanted them to go away for a few days rest to recover from the shock and while things were tidied up for them.

In the outlying rest centres they were then persuaded, as far as possible, to register for the evacuation scheme.

The hospital arrangements, I found, had been excellent.

Every hospital in Coventry had been evacuated of its chronic sick and ordinary patients, and even of the latest casualties, by noon on Saturday. Most of them had been cleared on Friday.

The Public Assistance institutions had been emptied and the old folk got away and spread over hospitals in safe areas.

Not a single hospital case, except casualties, spent the night in Coventry. This was done by means of a highly organised service of motor-coach ambulances.

Another comforting fact was that in spite of the bombing of hospitals in Coventry, not a single patient was killed.

Enough Food

Miss Horsbrugh paid a very high tribute to the transport authorities in Coventry, who, in spite of the catastrophe, had worked effectively night and day and helped to clear the people out.

One of the most difficult problems was food.

The head of the Voluntary Services in Coventry, Mrs. Hyde, was able to assure me that there was food for everyone left in the city, and that the supplies of hot meals were freely available.

One thing which cheered me immensely after the experiences of the early days in London was the tremendously effective work being done by the mobile canteens, not only of the Ministry of Food but of the Salvation Army, the Y.M.C.A., the American Red Cross and the Women's Voluntary Services.

At one rest centre I saw a young mother with a baby only a few months old. She had lived in one of the heavily bombed areas in London. Her husband had found work in Coventry and she had only lately come there.

Mother's Wish

She set up her new home, and when the Nazis struck early on Thursday evening, she found it impossible to get to a shelter and took refuge in the coal cellar.

Her house was struck and she had to be pulled out of the wreck.

MAN ON SABOTAGE CHARGE

Charged at a Midlands Court with placing a piece of burning rag in a certain apparatus at a factory used for essential services, with the object of impeding work, Arthur Edward Harris, thirty, a turner, was remanded in custody.

Police stated that when charged Harris said, "I did it for a joke. I had no thought of damaging the machine."

The magistrates refused an application for bail on the ground that the charge was too serious.

age. Through the Combs, with her tiny baby, she had to find her way to a shelter.

In the morning she started to walk with her child, with the help of her husband, to a safer district. She had been picked up and taken to a rest centre.

Her only remark to me was, "When do you think I can go back to Coventry? I want to get my home going again."

Of course, I told her that the best thing she could do for herself and her baby and in fairness to her husband was to find billets in a safe district.

Still Cheerful

Old women, with homes they had married into, and in which they had seen their families grow up, and which represented a lifetime of work and care, in ruins, were remarkably cheerful.

In the heart of the bombed area I found a young woman tying up a few sticks of furniture which were left on a perambulator.

She said she had moved into a new home a week ago. She had only just got straight when she was bombed out.

She was going to find shelter in a street which was as badly bombed as her own home.

"The roof is off," she said, "but the kitchen ceiling is holding, and we'll make do with that."

She would not leave the city because she had a job to go to.

"We must look on the bright side of things," she said as she left the pile of bricks which had been her home.

That spirit is true of the people of Coventry.

In the middle of the ruins a woman was scrubbing and pipe-claying her front doorstep. The windows were out, the door was off its hinges, the roof was gaping, but she was still "house proud."

In another street a model representing "Peeping Tom," the historic figure of Coventry who peeped out at Lady Godiva, was wearing a jaunty steel helmet as well as his usual leer.

Throughout the day people were still moving out with their baggage, but the workers were coming back.

Worst Sufferers

Part of Coventry has been destroyed beyond redemption.

The heaviest sufferers have again been the working-class houses.

Miss Horsbrugh held a conference of billeting officers from the various local authorities, to begin at once the job of accommodating the large numbers rendered homeless, to commandeer houses where necessary, and, above all, to secure the full cooperation of all authorities throughout the Midlands region.

At least the pretence is not being made here that Coventry can house its homeless.

Before the bombing, it was a densely crowded city, with a population increased by the large numbers of industrial workers who have been moved into the district.

No one can pretend that all the arrangements have worked satisfactorily.

In view of the havoc which has been wrought, the devastation caused, and the effects of the bombing on the city's internal organisations for the homeless, that would be expecting almost too much.

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THERE IS A PURPLE ON

"I knew there was a purple on, so I didn't hurry for my train." One finds this illustrative sentence in a brief—a much too brief—glossary of war slang supplied by "News From the Outpost," a news letter issued by Americans in Great Britain.

It seems that a "purple" is a preliminary warning of the enemy's approach, and, since trains run at only fifteen miles an hour during raids, it eliminates a commuter's need for haste. Apparently war slang is still too small a thing to get much into the cables, yet in this one word and the explanatory sentence there is packed more vivid information about the morale of the British, the nature of air raids and the social impact of modern war than could be put into a column of the best reporting. A "red" is the succeeding stage in the attack, when the sirens are actually sounded. The noun "yellow" is already obsolete; it referred to the situation when enemy planes were known to be over some other part of the country.

"This state," says the glossary, "is now perpetual," so there are no more yellows.

A modern historian of ancient Rome would give his soul for one such fragment of the argot that was actually talked in the legionary camps, the fora or the thermae of the empire—if, that is, he were able to interpret it. What would a historian of a thousand years hence make out of this scrap of the vocabulary of totalitarian war? He might understand how "blitz" should be a "term of endearment for the evening raid"—as in the expression "I left early to get home before the blitz." What would he do with "de-quise," even when told that this meant to disable one's automobile in order to prevent its use by "fifth columnists?" Only if some fragmentary record still preserved the name of Quisling would he have a clue. But the richest find, if he could decipher it, would be "abris wallah"—"term used by retired Anglo-Indian air-raid wardens for those faint-hearted enough to take cover."

"Abris wallah"—monstrous yet heroically humorous compound, offspring of the first World War in France and memories of Indian empire, joining in supreme contempt for Hitler's bombs

Striking Power Of Britain's Fleet Air Arm

So many successes can now be laid to its credit in the present war that the Fleet Air Arm may be said to have justified every claim that has been made for it, and to have answered those naval authorities who may once have been critical of this branch of the Service.

It is only poetic justice that the Italian navy should have been hit so hard from the air at Taranto and its other important bases unremittedly assaulted.

Before hostilities began it was a frequent boast in Italy that her daring airmen might be relied upon to wreck British warships by relentless attacks, which they were prepared to carry to the utmost lengths. One favourite assertion was that, if necessary, there would not be lacking men who would crash bombers on to the very decks of the enemy's warships, so that there might be no question of missing.

Whether such a desperate attempt has ever been made is doubtful, but it certainly has yet to succeed. With skilful use of the helm, a dive attack of this kind should be easily eluded.

Torpedo-Bombers

In the various attacks that have been made by Italian air formations on the ships of the British Mediterranean Fleet, success has been insignificant while tell has invariably been taken of the attacking planes. In fact, in war performance the Italian air force has lagged far behind that of this country.

Italian aircraft, it should be noted, invariably operate from shore bases, as it is the view of the Naval Staff in Rome that the situation of the peninsula renders the use of aircraft-carriers unnecessary. The torpedo-bombers which delivered such deadly blows at Taranto are understood to have come from the aircraft-carriers Illustrious and Eagle.

The Illustrious is a new ship, recently delivered from the Vickers-Armstrong shipyard at Barrow-in-Furness. She has a displacement of 23,000 tons, a speed of over 30 knots and an armament of 16 4.5-inch dual purpose guns, capable of being used with effect against either surface ve-

sels or aircraft. How many planes she can carry has not been stated, but H.M.S. Ark Royal, which is a 22,000-ton ship of slightly earlier design, can operate 80.

Without A Funnel

H.M.S. Eagle is a much older ship which has had an unusual history. Laid down on the Tyne in 1913 as the Chilean battleship Almirante Cochrane, she was redesigned by Sir Eustace Tennyson-d'Eyncourt for service as an aircraft-carrier. Completed as such in April, 1920, she had only

one funnel and no masts.

After a series of experiments it was decided that drastic alterations were required, and she underwent sundry modifications at Portsmouth Dockyard during the ensuing three years.

She was finally completed in 1924, when she assumed her present appearance, with an island superstructure towering above her flight deck and carrying two squat funnels and two masts. She has a displacement of 22,600 tons, a speed of 24 knots and an armament of nine 6-inch guns, supplemented by four 4-inch anti-aircraft pieces. Her official complement of aircraft is 21. From first to last she cost the country £4,617,636, including the original purchase price of £1,334,358.

Another aircraft-carrier of early design is H.M.S. Furious, which did excellent work during the Norwegian campaign, faring better than the unfortunate Glorious. The Furious is remarkable in that she has no funnel, smoke being discharged from vents at the after end of the hangar, or alternatively through apertures in the flight deck.

This method was inaugurated in our first aircraft-carrier, the Argus, now relegated to training duties as a "Queen Bee" tender. A Queen Bee, it should be ex-

plained, is a crewless aeroplane, controlled and operated entirely by wireless, which can be used to great advantage for anti-aircraft training at sea.

Due This Year

H.M.S. Hermes was our first aircraft-carrier to be designed for this purpose, previous ones having been conversions from other types. Of 10,850 tons, she has a speed of 25 knots and an armament of nine 5.5-inch guns, with three 4-inch A.A. guns. Only 15 planes are normally carried. This was the ship which last July carried out the bombing attack on the French battleship Richelieu at Dakar, following her disablement by depth charges dropped alongside her from a motor boat.

Until the completion in 1938 of the Ark Royal, our most modern aircraft-carriers were the sister ships Courageous and Glorious, both of which have unfortunately fallen victims to the chances of war. They were ships of 22,500 tons, converted into aircraft-carriers during 1924-30. Altogether they cost more than £4,000,000 each. It was experience with these ships that governed the designs of the Ark Royal and Illustrious.

From the foregoing it will be apparent that there are in service to-day at least five aircraft-carriers. Probably the total is actually greater, since three sister ships of the Illustrious—the Victorious, Formidable and Indomitable—have been due for completion in 1940.

Planes Over Norway

Our enemies can offer very little to compare with this, though the Germans are believed to have completed their first aircraft-carrier, the Graf Zeppelin, this year. She is a ship of 19,250 tons, with a reputed speed of 32 knots and an armament of 16 5.9in and 10 4.1in (A.A.) guns. It is rumoured that she can carry 40 planes. A second ship of this type is well advanced and may be ready soon.

Of the strategical value of a force of aircraft-carriers such as the Royal Navy possesses there can be no question. Not only does it enormously extend the

area over which observation can be effected, as was proved when the Ark Royal accompanied the battle cruiser Renown into the South Atlantic during the hunt for the Graf Spee, but it enables an admiral to produce a striking force of torpedo-bombers at the point desired without the enemy receiving previous warning, as has been seen in the onslaughts at Taranto and Cagliari.

In the Norwegian campaign the Fleet Air Arm played an important part. Except for one force of bombers which had a regrettably short life, the Royal Air Force was not then in a position to contribute many machines, so the Fleet Air Arm was kept busy. During April the aircraft from the Furious carried out almost continuous 24-hourly operations, including a torpedo attack on enemy ships at Trondheim and attacks in cooperation with H.M.S. Warspite and destroyers in the Narvik area.

Later the Ark Royal and Glorious arrived off the coast and remained there during the evacuation. There aircraft were incessantly engaged in one enterprise or another, including the bombing of the enemy-occupied aerodrome at Varennes and attacks on shipping and seaplanes at Trondheim. Fighter patrols worked hard during the later stages of the operations, especially during the evacuations from Namsos, Andalsnes and Narvik, and in protecting troop transports.

Other duties which had to be undertaken were photographic reconnaissances, anti-submarine and other patrols, and the transport by the Furious and Glorious of three R.A.F. fighter squadrons which were flown off to improvised aerodromes in the north of Norway.

Other Successes

At times the aircraft-carriers were employed for as long as six days without a pause in almost continuous night-and-day flying operations from positions approximately 90 miles from the Norwegian coast. Although subjected to bombing attacks on more than one occasion, they suffered no damage from this cause. In spite of being outclassed in speed, the F.A.A. fighters succeeded in shooting down or seriously damaging 34 German aircraft. In the final operations 15 Skuas from the Ark Royal attacked the Scharnhorst at Trondheim, obtaining at least two hits with their bombs. Unfortunately, under the conditions then prevailing, surprise could not be achieved, and heavy losses were incurred from intense A.A. fire and enemy fighters.

In the Mediterranean, F.A.A. operations began on June 14, with a night bombing attack on Genoa by a squadron operating from Hyeres, in the south of France. This squadron subsequently reached North Africa, whence part was flown to the Ark Royal.

Aircraft from the Eagle have delivered torpedo attacks against units of the Italian fleet at sea, and upon enemy ships at Tobruk and Augusta. These attacks have accounted for the destruction or disablement of the Italian cruiser San Giorgio, set on fire and driven ashore at Tobruk, as well as for three destroyers, at least one submarine and a number of transports and supply ships.

Action At Oran

In July the Ark Royal was employed during the attack on the French forces at Oran, in which her aircraft obtained at least six bomb or torpedo hits on the Dunkerque, and two or three bomb hits followed by one if not two torpedo hits on the Strasbourg during her passage to Toulon. It was only a few days after this, as already related, that aircraft from the Hermes were attacking the Richelieu, and bomb if not torpedo hits were made.

In other operations in the Mediterranean F.A.A. fighters have shot down or damaged a large number of Italian aircraft.

In view of the recent date at which the Admiralty assumed full control of the force, and the rapid rate at which expansion has had to proceed, it will be agreed that the Fleet Air Arm has indeed done well. I have touched upon only a few of its exploits, but it may safely be predicted that the force has a future before it which will yield laurels at least as glorious as those already won.

They Show Me How To Fly A Spitfire . . .

To see exactly how they make fighter pilots in the Air Force, I have become, by permission of the Canadian Air Ministry, a pupil for a day at the Empire Air Scheme advanced training school.

Only a few weeks ago I saw our fighter pilots diving and rolling over London attacking Messerschmidts.

Here, standing waiting for me on the flying ground, is a man who has spent years training pilots at a famous flying school in England.

The instructor eyed me carefully.

"Ever piloted a plane?" he asked.

"No," I said.

"The important part of a fighter pilot's training is aerobatics," he said. "It teaches you to be nippy in the air."

I said the questions everybody was asking as the air attacks on Britain were intensified were, How do the fighter pilots get hardened to flinging themselves about? What is the secret of their brilliance?

"You will understand after the

flight we are going to make," the instructor told me.

Above the roar of the machine I could hear the instructor's voice perfectly in the headphones.

We had to queue up to take off. We shot up high above the aerodrome.

"Feel all right?" asked the instructor. "O.K. We will now do a loop."

The plane somersaulted at terrific speed, and I saw a bit of Ottawa blot out the pale blue Canadian sky and a bit of wing mixed up in the picture. I felt

whether a man would be capable of handling controls in emergencies," continued the instructor.

We did some more stunts, steep turns, banking, flying in and out of clouds. I was beginning to get used to it.

I began to release my grip on the cockpit sides, sit back and relax.

The came a voice in the phone.

"Of course, Spitfires and Hurricanes move much faster than this."

We finished up the lesson with a bombing dive and flew over a nearby lake.

"See that white buoy floating down there?" asked the instructor. "That's the bombing target."

We shot up higher, poised like a hawk, then plunged from five thousand feet straight down,

reaching a speed of three hundred miles an hour. There was again that pulling feeling on the cheeks,

and head throbs.

"The plane is now said to be 'mushing,'" said the instructor. "In other words it is falling faster than the engine could move it."

"One thousand feet . . . two thousand feet . . . we roared down."

"At this second I would have dropped my bomb," said the instructor.

The machine, by now, was skimming upwards again.

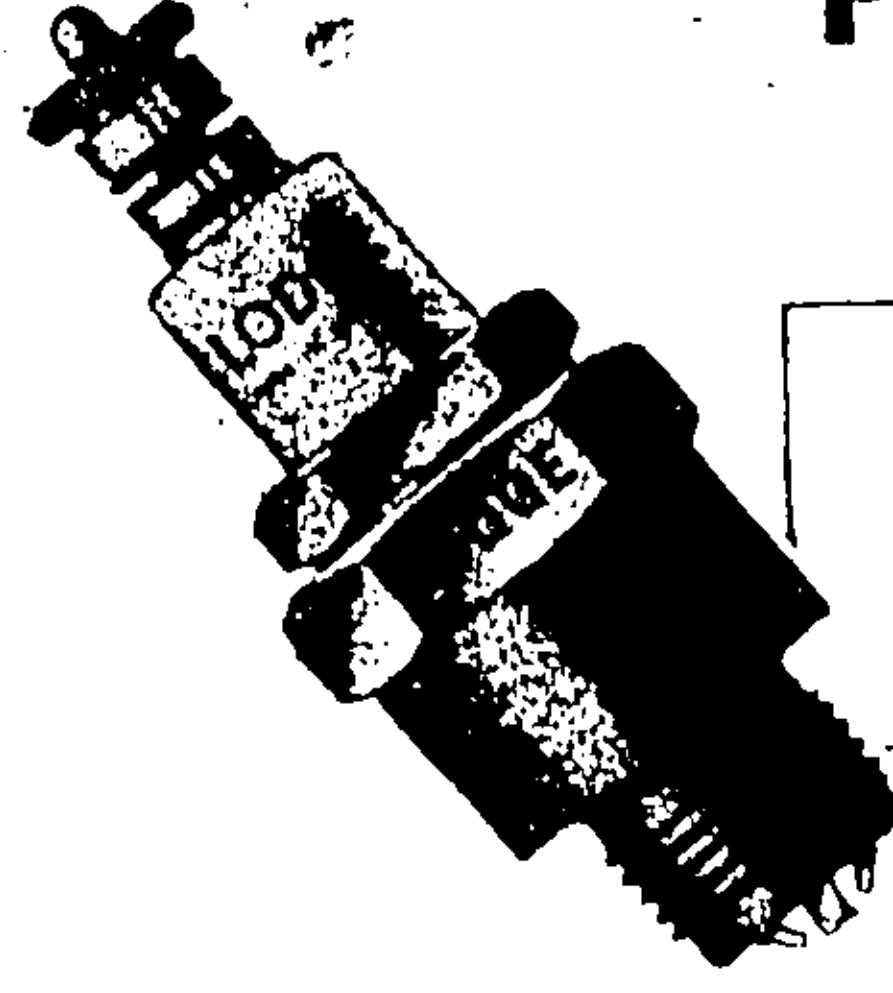
"That is how planes bomb Berlin," explained the instructor.

We landed and, to my astonishment, I was able to have luncheon. Long before I had finished, the instructor excused himself and went off to make a flight with more pupils. He does

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AIR ACE WAS KILLED ON HIS WEDDING DAY

"COBBER" KAIN, the first R.A.F. ace of this war, was to have been married on the day he was killed in a flying accident in France, it has been revealed.

When he parted from a friend one evening before the tragedy, he said: "Don't tell anyone, but I'm getting married next week. That is, if I'm alive."

The whole dramatic story is told by Noel Monks in his book, "Squadrons Up!" (Gollancz, 12s. 6d.).

Friday, June 7, 1940. On a dusty emergency aerodrome, near Blois, in France, a two-seater Magister communications plane is being loaded with kit by an orderly.

A tin helmet and a gas mask complete the loading, and the orderly reports to a group of young R.A.F. pilots chatting a few yards away.

"Gear aboard. Good luck, sir."

A tall, broad-shouldered, black-haired Flying Officer, with the ribbon of the Distinguished Flying Cross newly sewn below his wings, leaves the group and walks to the waiting plane.

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BRITISH ADVANCING IN MORE FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS

WITH THE CAPTURE of Derna the British and Imperial forces enter an area which is said to have the best climate in all Africa. From Bomba, where the Italians had a seaplane base which they evacuated some days ago, the country starts to change from barren rock and sandy waste to rolling hills on which deep grass grows in Spring, and the town of Derna itself is surrounded by gardens and orchards.

SECRET NAZI FORTUNES

Vast Profits Out Of War

Messages reaching New York from neutral sources in Berlin show that though the Nazis' social policy and war and rearmament taxes have done much to level and "adjust" incomes, they have not apparently wiped out the chances of accumulating private fortunes.

In general there have been no spectacular profits during the war, but several classes have benefited. A remarkably candid survey obtained from official sources mentions four such general groups. It even refers to some of them by a phrase that can only be translated as "millionaires in secret." The survey describes these groups as:

- (1) Armament manufacturers whose profits are rigidly controlled but whose turnover has been vastly increased;
- (2) Smaller manufacturers and building contractors whose profits are less rigorously limited and whose benefits have flowed indirectly from the demand for heavy goods;
- (3) Merchants and manufacturers, not directly connected with war activities, who have been relieved from foreign competition as a result of the Nazi trade policy;
- (4) Owners of large agricultural estates, especially those devoted to wheat production.

The survey adds to these two other groups. One comprises business professional men who have been provided with additional opportunities through the elimination of Jewish competitors or who have been "enabled" to purchase Jewish businesses under very favourable conditions."

Of the other the report says: "It cannot be denied that a large portion of Germany's new wealth owes its origin to inner political conditions."

"Hitler" and his collaborators have placed a large number of their followers and party members in leading economic positions. As they neither reject the principle of private ownership nor of private incomes, they have no objection to these men earning lots of money."

Water is more plentiful than at any place on the route taken by General Wavell's victorious armies, a feature which is of the greatest importance in the further advance on Benghazi.

On other African fronts, which can no longer be regarded as separate from the Libyan operations, British and Imperial forces continue satisfactory operations designed to destroy Italian influence in Eastern Africa.

In Eritrea the objective is Agordat, where the railway runs up to Asmara and then on to port of Massawa.

As far as Agordat the country is flat but there is a steep rise up to Asmara which is seven thousand feet above sea level.

Classic Example

Far away to the south, with all Ethiopia between, patrol activities continue across the frontier of Italian Somaliland.

Remembering similar apparently small unimportant operations which resulted in the Italian evacuation of Kassala and described by competent military observers as a classic example of how the brilliant use of a small force can cause what in effect was a major defeat of far larger forces, these operations must be viewed in proper perspective.

In the intervening country in Abyssinia the Italians, after being forced out of Gallabat, have been kept engaged at Metemma while patrols are now operating vigorously east of this point. Danger to the Italian troops does not only come from the invading forces. In Abyssinia patriots are rallying to their own Emperor and the Italians are faced with that most difficult of all problems—the active hostility of a brave and resourceful race amongst whom their troops are living.—British Wireless.

EMIR SENDS HIS CONGRATULATIONS

The Emir Abdullah of Transjordan has sent a message to the High Commissioner of Palestine and Transjordan: "With a heart overfilled with joy and pride I request you to accept and convey to the British Government my congratulations on the successive victories which have been gained in Libya coupled with my wishes for immediate and final victory by the will and help of God."

The Colonial Secretary has replied thanking His Highness and saying: "I deeply appreciate Your Highness's sentiments of joy and pride in the success of our common cause and share with you the hope for final victory to which we confidently look forward."

British Wireless.

CHINA WAR EXPENSES

An extraordinary military budget of 1,000,000,000 yen, covering China War expenses in February and March, was passed by the Diet in Tokyo without amendment within a week of its introduction. Present indications prevailing in both Houses show that the basic budget of 8,800,000,000 yen for the fiscal year 1941/42 will probably be passed on February 17, two weeks earlier than usual.—Reuter

PETAIN SAILORS WALK OUT

Stay In England—To Fight

Two large ships, sent to Britain by the Vichy Government to repatriate French sailors and soldiers, docked in England recently.

As soon as the ships tied up, more than half the crews walked down the gang planks with their belongings and announced "We are here. We stay here. It is our wish to join General de Gaulle."

They asked the British authorities if they could address the Frenchmen awaiting repatriation. They were told "Many have already changed their minds."

It can be revealed now that 50 French naval officers and 1,500 ratings who last September elected to return to France have since decided to stay and fight with General de Gaulle.

140 A Week

The flow of volunteers to the Free French Forces is growing rapidly, sometimes reaching 140 a week.

The action of the French seamen in the repatriation ships is a significant pointer to the revision of feeling among Frenchmen to-day.

All the men were bitter. Said one, addressing the Frenchmen on the quayside: "We have brought these ships to take back Frenchmen. If you still want to go back and live under the Boche you are welcome. But you do so without our help."

All these men have since been posted to Allied ships.

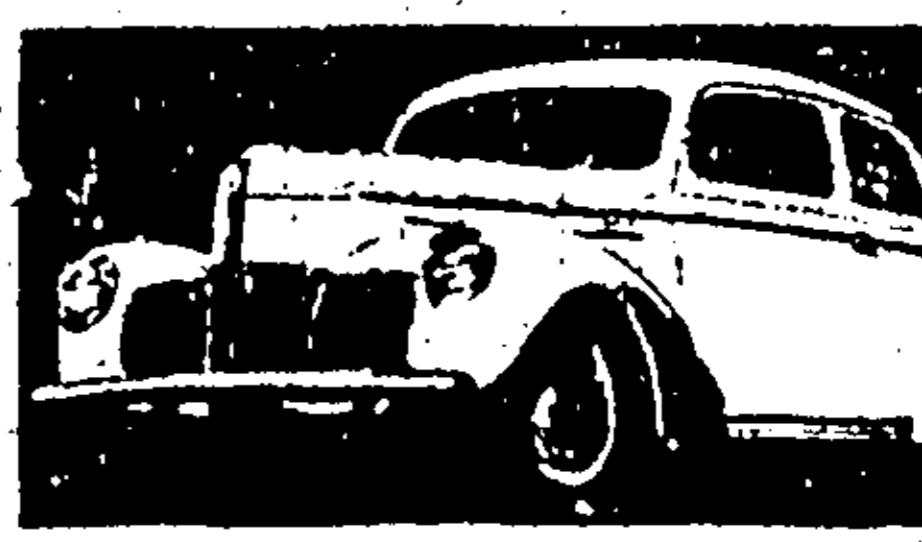
The vessels in which they arrived from France came without lifeboats and without adequate life-saving gear. It is believed that much of this gear has been taken by the Germans. The ships carried enough fuel to get them here, but none to take them back.

The captains asked the British authorities to fuel their ships for the return journey. This was refused, but they were given enough to take them to the nearest fuelling port in Ireland.

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Magistrate's Fate

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ON HIS
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Evidence that Mr. Herbert Metcalfe, the well-known Old Street, London, Magistrate, who died following a fall, was under the influence of drink at the time, was given at the inquest. A verdict of "Accidental death" was recorded.

The South Bucks Coroner, Mr. J. Baily Gibson, said: "I am afraid it is evident that Mr. Metcalfe came home under the influence of alcohol, and that while he was left alone he endeavoured to get up the stairs, collapsed owing to his condition, and fell back and hit his head against the door."

Mr. Metcalfe was 52. He lived at Croydon, Woodside Road, Beckenham.

His widow, Mrs. Mariana Metcalfe, said that his health had not been good for some time. On Wednesday he went to the police court in the usual way and came home in the evening.

The Coroner: "What condition was he in?"

"He was not very well."

The Coroner: "Was he very much under the influence of drink?"

Mrs. Metcalfe hesitated and then whispered, "Yes."

Lying on His Back

She said that later, when she was in the dining-room, she heard a crash. She found her husband lying on his back in the passage at the foot of the stairs. He was unconscious and she sent for a doctor.

The Coroner said: "I am sorry to say that I am convinced from the evidence that the real cause of the accident was the state that he was in, and it is my painful duty to find accordingly."

"I should like to express my sympathy with Mrs. Metcalfe, and I very much regret the ordeal she has had to go through."



THE BIG BANG—Some idea of how the crews of the Luftwaffe jettison their bombs when the R.A.F. are "on their tail" can be judged by this exclusive picture secured by our cameraman whilst he was driving in the S.E. area. A German aircraft had come into contact with one of our fighters, who immediately engaged. The enemy machine straightaway dropped his bombs in meadow-land (which according to the German communiqué were military objectives) and made for home. This picture was secured by our photographer from the seat of his car. (Fox, Copyright).

**LOOTER
"LIKE A
VULTURE"**

William Leiney, labourer, aged twenty, of Bromley High Street, Bow, E., who was sentenced at Old Street to one month's hard labour for receiving a pair of baby's slippers stolen from the bombed home of an A.R.P. warden, was "like a vulture," said the magistrate, Mr. F. O. Langley.

Indicating the warden, Mr. Langley said: Look at that man. He has had his house demolished by a bomb, his family driven out and put to the very limits of human sufferings and inconvenience.

"Miserable Minority"

"And you, like a vulture—one of a miserable minority of Englishmen—seize the occasion to loot, to go round and take what you can from the house."

The warden said he had had the slippers for thirty years, and kept them in a glass case.

Defending solicitor said that a man whom Leiney took to see the damage came rushing out of the house and gave the slippers to Leiney. Leiney was seized but the other man got away.

Twelve hundred pints—150 gallons—were sent to France by air during the fighting. Some was used to save life while troops were struggling off the Dunkirk beaches.

In the department of Lieutenant J. B. Hurl, a young doctor who is the blood transfusion officer, are bottles of translucent, iron-coloured liquid containing the plasma. This is the fluid part of blood, left after the red corpuscles, which cause clotting, have been extracted.

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Most of the dishes are a big success, but there are odd times when the men's palate is irritated rather than tickled.

Someone thought that curried salmon patties would be a great idea. They were tried out on troops of the Northern Command recently. . . . The regimental pigs had the hottest time of their lives.

Still that was only one idea gone wrong where dozens of others had gone right.

It merely helped to prove that the troops don't like fancy concoctions. Tempting grills, meat and potato cakes, home-made scones and plum cake are big favourites.

These A.T.S. women cooks keep in the background at mealtimes, but they have an easy way of knowing whether a new dish has come off—they watch the swill-tube.

Women Cooks Preferred

Soldiers prefer women cooks. They put more variety into the dishes, serve the food more attractively and keep their kitchen up to an exhibition standard of cleanliness.

At one military centre two kitchens were staffed entirely by women and two were left in charge of men.

There was a gradual migration of the troops from the mess-rooms served by the men cooks to those drawing their meals from the women's kit-chens.

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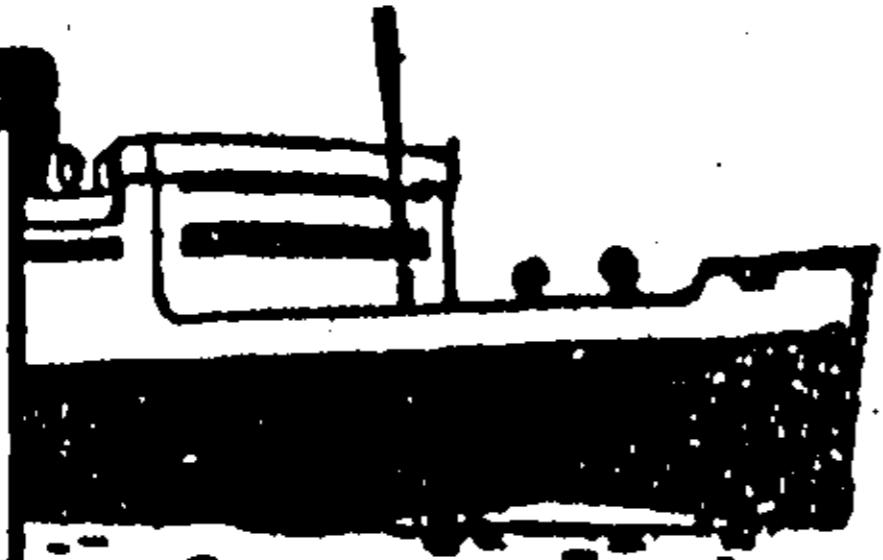
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1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Jack Hylton and His Orch.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Malcolm McEachern (Bass) and the Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Questions of the Hour.'

7.30 p.m.—Dance Music by the B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—A Request Variety Programme.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talkie 'Books and People.'

9.45 p.m.—Alfredo and His Orchestra.

10.05 p.m.—John Gay's "The Beggar's Opera."

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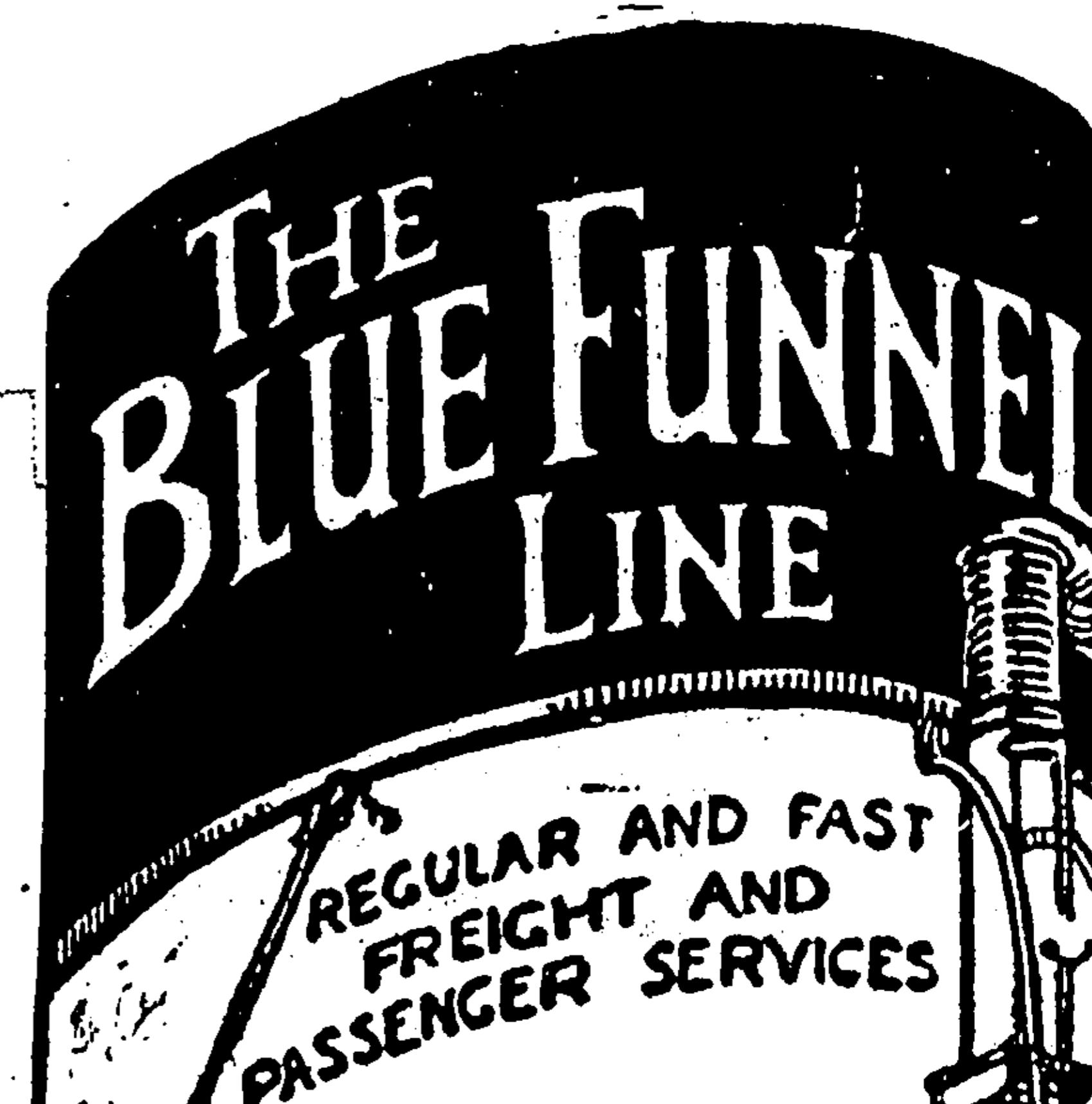
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 Q.2 A player standing in an off-side position realises that if he remains there he will be penalised for offside, therefore he runs into the back of the net. As a goal is scored the referee notices this player. What should he do?
 Q.3 A player has caused trouble amongst his team, and his captain orders him off the field. What is the referee to do?
 Q.4 A player is ordered off the field. In the dressing room he is requested to play for another team. Can the referee prevent him from playing, knowing that he has just been ordered off?
 Q.5 "Soccer Fan" asks if there is any time limit for a goalkeeper holding the ball. He says that he has been told that there is a time limit of four seconds. What do you think?

(Answers on Page 15)

INTERPORT HOCKEY PRACTICE

The 17 players nominated for the forthcoming Interport hockey match with Macao will have a practice match on Saturday against Y.M.C.A. on the Club ground King's Park, starting at 4 p.m.

The players nominated are:—
 V. M. Benwell (Club), V. C. Bond (Club), J. Gonsalves (Recreio), Capt. Kamptan Parsad (Punjabs), R. Marques (Recreio), M. H. Hussan (Khalasa), Capt. H. Wood (Club), W. A. Reed (Club), N. B. M. Whitley (Club), T. Alves (Recreio), D. T. Smith (Club), Lt. J. Ross (Punjabs), G. Singh (Khalasa), A. E. P. Guest (Khalasa), W. Parker (Police), L. Ozorio (Recreio) and W. Brown (Police).

Following will represent the "Y"—Cleggett; Taylor and Youreff; Jordan, Coombe and Waldron; Spencelayh, Geminell, Hitchcock, Morgan and Dunne.

The "Y" Second Team will play on the same ground at 3 p.m. against a team not yet specified and will be represented by—Clegget; Grant and Railton; Saxby, Tomlinson, and Gorman; Macey, Olson, Spare, Fancey and Banks.

A. N. Other XI

Following will represent A. N. Other XI in the Hong Kong Hockey Association tournament on Sunday on the Club ground at 10.30 a.m. against the Signals:—Benwell; Gunner and Youreff; Jordan, McLellan and Waldron; Spencelayh, Alsey, Hitchcock, Morgan and A. N. Other.



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SOFTBALL NOTES

RECREIO ELIMINATED FROM PENNANT RACE

Indians Score 11 In Three Innings

Saints Take Lead In League Table

By "Grandstand"

FIELDING A MAKESHIFT TEAM, the Recreio Aces, whom the weisenheimers had doped to win, were eliminated from the pennant race, by the Indians in an 11-6 trouncing.

After a long lay-off, Johnnie Alvares, former Recreio fire-ball artist, assumed mound duties and fanned one and walked four, whilst slabster Kassa Nazarin, of the Indians, only issued one free ticket to first. With poor backing behind him, Alvares yielded eight safeties, whilst Nazarin was also nicked for eight blows, four of which were bunched in the fourth.

Taking advantage of a loose infield, as open as a Monte Carlo gambling joint, the Indians pushed four markers across the pan to get the jump on the Rees in the first frame. After two more tallies had leaked through second baseman Riri Noronha went into scull sessions and yanked key-stoner Wilfred Lawrence, switching left-fielder Caco Marques to second, in a futile attempt to halt the Indian rampage.

Scoring Splurge

Before anybody knew what was what, the Indians had chalked up 11 tallies for the first three frames to the Rambling Rees' lone mark: er, when Nick Beltrao scored on Johnnie Alvares slow dribbler.

At this stage, even Recreio fans were slowly but surely moving off. "Yep, they all love a winner."

Undaunted, the Rees came back and held the Indians to a negative score for the rest of the game, whilst Bertie Gosano sparked a three-run rally with a slashing single in the fourth, which included Gerry Gosano's four-master with one aboard, and a two-run effort in the fifth, with five runs to tie—but it wasn't in the cards and the game ended that way.

Gerry Gosano's .750 stickwork performance, which slugged in three runs for his side in his four trips to the plate, included the only homer of the fray; whilst manager Ahwoo Omar and "Savage" Hassan's two in four also deserve mention, the latter clouting a two run triple.

Saints Take Lead

St. Joseph's climbed into the lead in the Senior League by their 4-1 triumph over the revived Canadian Chinese nine. Charlie Manson toed the rubber for the Saints and cracked a three-hitter, whilst his mates collected five blows off Canuck speed-ball hurler Herbie Quon, whose only mistake was feeding a couple of cripples, to Bambino Dave Leonard, which didn't have enough smoke on them to make a sparrow sneeze! Quon fanned three and passed only one, whilst Collegian slabster Manson walked four.

The only Canadian tally came in, in the first, when Young Lee singled and went around the bases on two successive wild heaves, and, despite four more Collegian bungles, Canadians were unable to add another marker.

Four double-killings, featured the tilt, Luke Bunn to Ross Mark to Johnnie Delgado, flagging George Souza at first and nailing Hal Winglee at the plate; Stan Leonard, hauling down Mok's fly, heaved wild to second-sacker "Ozo" Ozorio, but Frankie Gonsalves, who was covering the play, threw in a perfect strike from centre-field to erase Herbie Quon at the counting station; clamping his hands on Ross Mark's pop fly, Collegian keystone Ozorio caught Bill Ing flat-footed off first for another twin-killing. Two more Canadians were thumbed out on a

LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE

SENIOR LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pctg.
St. Joseph's	8	2	.800
Hong Kong Baseballers	7	2	.778
Indians	7	3	.700
Cyclones	6	4	.600
Recreio Aces	4	4	.500
Chinese Baseballers	3	4	.429
Filipinos	1	7	.125
Canadian Chinese	0	10	.000

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Chung Hwa	8	1	.889
V.R.C.	7	1	.875
R.A.F.	6	2	.750
Cosmos	6	3	.667
Recreio Bees	6	3	.667
South China	4	3	.571
Liga Portuguesa	3	5	.475
Royal Scots	3	5	.375
Bth R.A.	2	7	.222
Central Britishers	1	8	.111
Royal Engineers	0	7	.000

LADIES' LEAGUE

Canadian Chinese	9	0	1.000
Wildcats	8	1	.889
Wahoos	9	2	.545
Panthers	6	5	.545
Cardinals	5	6	.455
Ramblerettes	3	8	.273
Little Flowers	1	9	.100
Chung Hwa	0	10	.000

INTER-HONG LEAGUE

Hong Kong Bankers	3	0	1.000
Shell Oilers	3	1	.750
Texaco	3	1	.750
Lucas	2	1	.667
Chartered Bankers	1	1	.500
Cables	0	4	.000
Greenspots	0	4	.000

HOW TO ACQUIRE A PUNCH

In a recent article we read how Jim Gully of the Royal Horse Guards out-pointed Pte. Bradshaw of Canada. Gully tells here how he developed a big punch. On being asked, Gully said that considering how few great boxers of the English school have possessed a real dig, it is a surprisingly easy question to answer.

The boxers must be prepared to spend half an hour every day doing one particular job in the gymnasium. He must make a mark on the heavy bag, and teach himself to punch that mark with all his weight and a bit more.

It will take a week to learn, or discover how to land one punch, so a year is the reasonable period of self instruction. Try the right hook to the body first. Make a mark on the bag at the correct height and find out how to stand and how far away to be. Make sure the left hand is held so as to protect the chin and then practice until you are "making a hole" in the bag.

Feet Must Be Set

You'll never produce the "killer" unless your feet are firmly set for the blow, yet if you stand flat-footed you don't achieve a kick. You must concentrate on this one punch until you have perfected it, and it becomes second nature to let it go.

You almost want to throw your glove as well as your body at the bag.

Here is a way to understand how to hit. Imagine yourself on a farm and you are watching a cart-horse and a frisky pony. Say the old fellow kicks you with his heavy slow feet. He might bruise your leg, but if the pony kicks you he'll snap the leg in two as if it is matchwood, yet his leg is one-fifth the thickness of the cart-horses.

It's the snap that does it. Have

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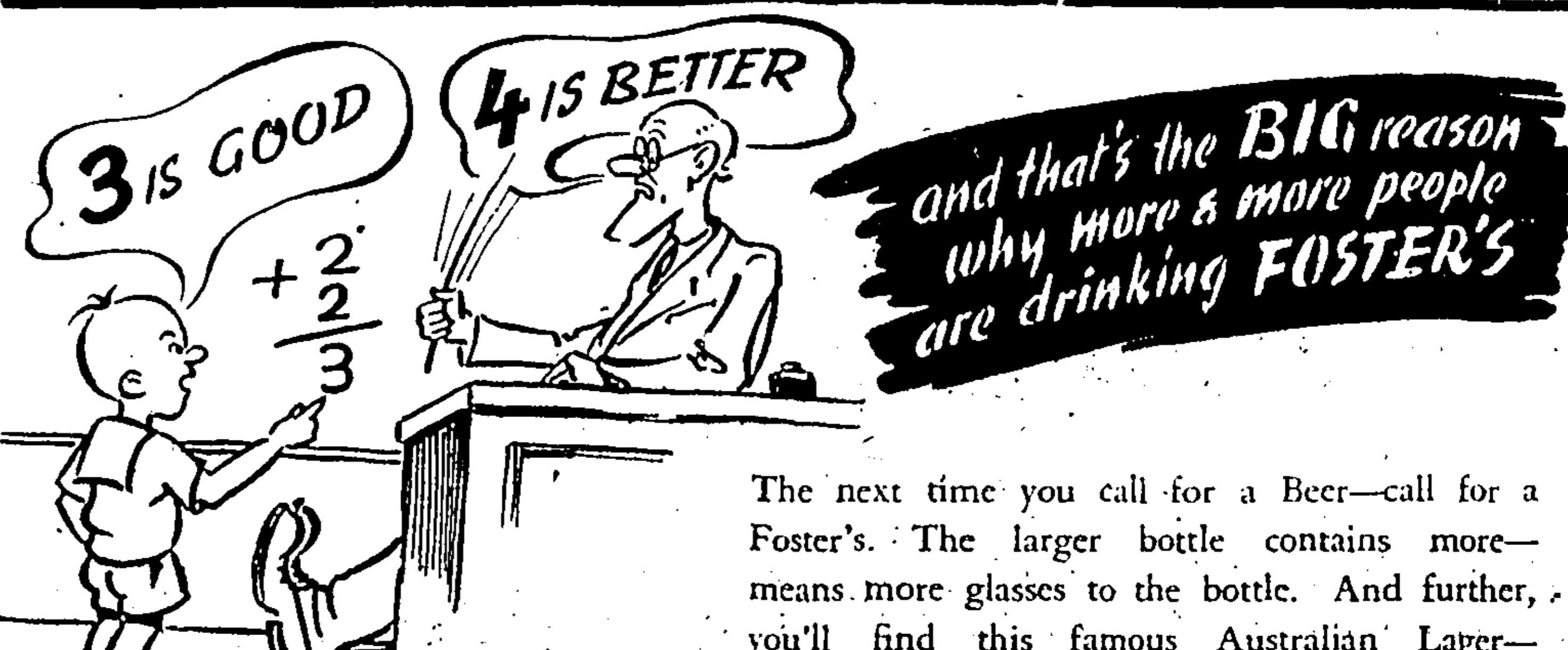
M'SEX AT FULL STRENGTH

Middlesex will be at full strength for their Senior Shield soccer match against Sing Tao tomorrow. Play will start at 4.15 p.m. on the Club ground and the band and drums of the Battalion will also be on hand.

Following is the Middlesex team:

Jackson; Freshwater and Sheehan; Thomas, Bright and Wilkinson; Coomer, Pearson, Bullen, Saw and Marable.

(Continued from Next Col.) this illustration in front of you all the time you are practising and you won't have to worry about referees' verdicts.



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THE ARMY BOXING SEASON WILL SOON BE UNDER WAY

Interesting Competitions In Offing

Garrison Snooker League Starts On Monday

By "Squaddy"

IN TWO WEEKS the first of the Garrison boxing competitions will be held. The Inter-Unit Team Novices competition will be held at Nanking Barracks on Wednesday and Thursday, February 12 and 13.

The Area Open Individual Boxing competition will be held at Nanking Barracks on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 11, 12, and 13.

The Area Open Inter-Unit Team boxing will be held at Murray Barracks on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, April 8, 9, and 10.

It is hoped this season that the above competitions will be greatly improved, as the Combined Royal Artillery are getting together teams for the above competitions and individual competitors for the Individual Opens. In the previous three seasons the Royal Scots and the Middlesex Regiment have been the only two Regiments competing in these competitions.

The Royal Scots have won the Team Novices competition for the last three seasons. They have also won the Area Inter-Unit team open boxing competition two seasons out of the last three—1938, 1940—Middlesex Regiment won this competition in 1939.

Last year the Royal Scots were presented with the "Northcote Trophy" for the Premier Boxing competition held in Hong Kong, presented by H.E. Sir Geoffrey Northcote, K.C.M.G. This trophy was presented as winners of the premier amateur boxing tournament held in the Colony at the time, but if the Civilian Amateur boxing competitions are started again, this trophy will be presented to the winner of the premier boxing competition held in Hong Kong.

Royal Scots and Middlesex have both held their Inter-Company Novices boxing competitions and are both training hard to get together a strong team.

Royal Artillery have also been training hard and have been utilising the Garrison Gymnasium during the last month or so to train their team. It is hoped to see some new talent this season amongst the Services.

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AT Sookunpoo on Tuesday "H.Q." Company, Middlesex Regiment defeated 24th Hvy. Bty., A.A., in the second round of the Small Units knockout competition by six clear goals after leading by three goals at the interval.

Pte. Sheehan was the outstanding player on the field, and his ball control was a treat to watch. He scored two of the winners' goals. His combination with Bds. Hymas was giving the Gunners' defence plenty to think about, with the latter swinging the ball about to his forwards; Hymas also scored two goals.

The other goal scorers were Bright, and Moggeridge.

Pte. Stickley, the former Colony and Army player, returned to the Middies' side after having been out of the game for some time owing to injuries. He played a sound game at back, and his strong hitting kept the Gunners' forwards from getting near his goal. Pearson, the winners' goalie, had only two shots to save throughout the game.

The Gunners tried hard, but they were definitely outclassed by the Middlesex who had a better combined eleven. This "Coy" team should, in my opinion, go a long way in this competition. Their team consists of seven Battalion players.

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The following are other results in this competition:

R.A.F. beat R.A.M.C.	1-0
40th Coy., R.E., beat 17th A.A.	5-2
D. Coy., Royal Scots, beat R.A.O.C.	2-0
22nd Coy., R.E., beat R.A.S.C.	2-0
24th Hvy. Bty., R.A., beat B.	2-0

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

THERE was really a battle of Giants on January 23, the occasion being a five-game Ten Pin match between the U.S.S. Tulsa and the Alley Team, the four players forming the Alley Team being the strongest four in the Alleys. They lost however to the Tulsa after a keen struggle by the low margin of 19 pins.

The scores were:

Tulsa 3395

Alley Team 3376

It was one of the keenest and tensest games that I have seen for a long time in the Alleys.

It is interesting to follow the progress of players in opposition to one another, in adjoining alleys, as for instance Ernie Hearther against Moore of the Tulsa. Hearther made no mistake, securing 925, the top score of the match, while Moore made a useful 829.

At Sookunpoo on Wednesday the first two games of the Large Units Rugby Football League were played between the Royal Scots and the Middlesex Regt., and the Royal Artillery and the Combined Small Units.

Royal Scots proved much too good for the Middlesex.

Capt. Man and Pte. Berry were the only two Middlesex players who really had any knowledge of tackling their opposing players.

The Scots have a strong team which includes several Army players and should go a long way in this League.

Capt. Douglass and Bateman played a good game for them.

In the second game Royal Artillery defeated the Small Units by nine points to five after a game of many accidents.

Niehoff who was second highest scorer of the match, was matched against Blount, and made 916 against Blount's 872.

Molthen Off Form

Borg had little difficulty against Doc Molthen, netting a useful 871 or an average of 174 pins per game. Molthen was clearly off form.

There was quite a tussle between Peterson and Watts, the latter just managing to beat his opposite number by 12 pins. Watts scored exactly 800, while Peterson notched 788.

It was rather curious that in a high-scoring match such as this, there were only four scores of 200 or over. Niehoff for Tulsa registered two of them, 200 in his third game, and 212 in his fourth, while Blount bagged 204 in his first game, and Hearther 225 in his fifth—the highest individual score of the match.

The Alley Team were leading on the first game by 24 pins, but Tulsa came ahead in the second to lead by 28 pins, which they increased to 94 in the third game. They were still leading by 41 pins in the fourth, and almost lost the match on the last game, just managing to keep 19 ahead, another spare or a strike for the Alley Team would have turned the tables.

Close Match

There was a very close three-game Ten Pin Match in the second round of the Singles Handicap Competition, played on Saturday between A. W. Muenger and Hall of the Royal Corps of Signals.

Muenger's handicap was plus 36 and Hall's plus 33, the former winning by 18 pins.

The scores were:

A. W. Muenger 471

D. H. Hall 453

Muenger might have done better had he not failed in his second

game. Hall was obviously away below his usual form, his 453 not being anything like his usual capabilities.

Alley Team Wins

On the same evening a five-game Ten Pin Match between representative teams from the Tulsa and the Alleys was played.

The result was very close indeed, the Alley Team finally winning by 15 pins only, the scores being:

Alley Team	2937
Tulsa	2922

Engle of the Tulsa was the star bowler of the match, scoring a brilliant 871. He also registered the only 200, 215 in his first game.

Second highest score was compiled by Devlin for the Alley Team with a useful 772 or an average of 154 pins per game. This player would have done even better had he not failed in his third and fifth games to make two mediocre scores, 135 and 131.

The remaining players bowled fairly well, considering that they had never to my knowledge bowled in a match game—with the possible exception of Pawlowski of the Alley Team—the scoring being between 672 and 744.

In passing I might mention that the type of match mentioned above is invaluable as it tends to make the younger player keen and fosters team-spirit.

Devlin's Good Win

There was another three-game Ten Pin Match played on Wednesday in the second round of the Singles Handicap Competition. It was between veteran J. S. Landolt and Signalman W. Devlin of the Royal Corps of Signals.

Landolt's handicap was plus 17 and Devlin's plus 43 and the latter won by 52 pins, the scores being:

Devlin	544	Landolt	492
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It was generally expected that Landolt, well-known as a fighter, despite the heavy handicap, would just about win, but there is no gainsaying the fact that Devlin played good consistent bowls, his average working out at 155 without his handicap.

Landolt would actually have been required to average at least 185 pins to win, whereas he only managed 164; he was certainly right off form.



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Hands Ahead Of Putter Head

By BEST BALL

Let the hands lead the putter head prior to impact not vice versa. Putting is largely wrist and hand action and as a result the arc of the club-head is restricted. In some cases the stroke approximates the arc made by the pendulum of a grandfather clock and the ball must necessarily be struck at the low point of the arc for accurate results. This leaves a minimum margin for an error. For instance if the putter head reaches its nadir before reaching the ball, it might very well contact it on the up-stroke and furthermore contact it so near the top that the ball would be topped.

To offset this tendency most golfers use as flat an arc as possible; the clubhead travelling just above the turf. If the hands lead the clubhead slightly, just below the left shoulder for example, such a routine is more easily accomplished. This will tend to bring the clubhead onto the ball, square to the line and furthermore at right angles to the ball. With the weight largely on the left foot, there is no danger of obstructing the path of either the hands or the putter head and the latter can move forward freely.

Next Article:—Don't Make The Knees Rigid.

BADMINTON TOURNEY AT V.R.C.

Following are the latest results in the Victoria Recreation Club badminton tournament:

Singles Handicap

D. M. Xavier (—9) beat A. K. Rumjahn (—5); A. Zimmern (scr.) beat R. J. Reed (scr.).

Mixed Doubles Handicap

D. M. Xavier and Miss L. Foster (—8) beat A. K. Rumjahn and Miss J. Anderson (scr.).

"Allam" Cup

W. Fisher and A. A. Remedios beat A. A. Noronha and A. L. Rocha; M. M. de V. Soares and L. Seguiera beat O. el Arculli and N. Jaffer; A. K. Rumjahn and G. Agabeg beat L. A. Barros and A. A. Gutierrez; Dr. Ribeiro and C. Brown beat F. A. Castro and J. Neves.

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Famous Cricketers Join The Services

Three prominent cricketers have joined the Services recently. H. T. Bartlett, the Sussex left-hander, has joined the Royal Army Service Corps in a Cadet unit; A. E. R. Gilligan, the former Sussex and England captain, has been granted a commission in the Royal Air Force as a pilot-officer and M. V. Umfreville, who kept wicket for the British Empire XI on many occasions during last summer, joins the RAF to train as a rear-gunner.

From a schoolboy, Bartlett has been noted for the terrific power of his hitting and in 1933 he won the Sir Walter Lawrence trophy for the fastest hundred of the season by hitting up three figures in 57 minutes for Sussex against the Australians at Hove.

England Captain

Gilligan, a splendid all-rounder, became captain of Sussex in 1927 and led England in the triumphant tournament against South Africa in 1924. He captained England's team which lost the rubber in Australia in 1924-25 but he had the satisfaction of being in charge of the team at Macclesfield which gained the first victory for England over Australia since the Triangular Tournament in 1912.

His unapproached bowling performance was six wickets for seven runs when he and Maurice Tate dismissed South Africa in



1923 for 30 runs in forty-five minutes at Birmingham—this is the smallest total in Test Matches in England.

Umfreville, who is 20 years of age, is considered one of the best wicket-keepers in club cricket and he is a useful soccer inside-forward.—Reuter.



The following team will represent Royal Navy against Club tomorrow at Boundary Street at 3 p.m.:

P. O. Clough, S/Lt. McGill, Tel. Honeywill, Cdt. Lamble, S/Lt. Kennedy; Lt. Carter (Capt.), A/L Tel. Bowden; L. S. A. Palmer, R. C. Castleton, S/Lt. Winter, C. P. O. Wtr. King, L. A. C. Stockham, S/Lt. Poole, S/Lt. Eager and A. B. Hughes.

Reserves: —F/Lt. Wright, E. A. Wilson, P. O. Wilson, S. B. A. Flynn, and S/Lt. Carey.

TO-MORROW'S CRICKET TEAMS

The following will represent Hong Kong C.C. against Army at Chater Road tomorrow:

H. Owen Hughes (Capt.), G. G. Aitkenhead, C. W. E. Bishop, N. D. Booker, J. C. Brown, W. G. Finnie, M. F. L. Haynes, T. G. C. Knight, D. O. Parsons, D. S. Robb, and C. M. Stark.

RECREIO

In their friendly game against Army 2nd XI at King's Park tomorrow, Recreio Juniors will be represented by:

E. A. R. Alves (Capt.), A. E. Noronha, P. M. N. da Silva, H. A. Barros, F. J. Remedios, A. J. M. Prata, J. A. Soares, A. H. Remedios, L. A. Remedios, A. A. Lopes, M. Mendonca.

UNIVERSITY

The following will represent University 2nd XI in a League match against Indian R.C. at Soo-kun-poo tomorrow:

R. M. Soares, T. C. Lo, T. T. Chin, R. S. Gill, S. Amalavanar, E. Mazuza, J. Ameerali, A. Ahmed, K. S. Ooi, L. H. Tan, and D. Chelliah.

ANSWERS

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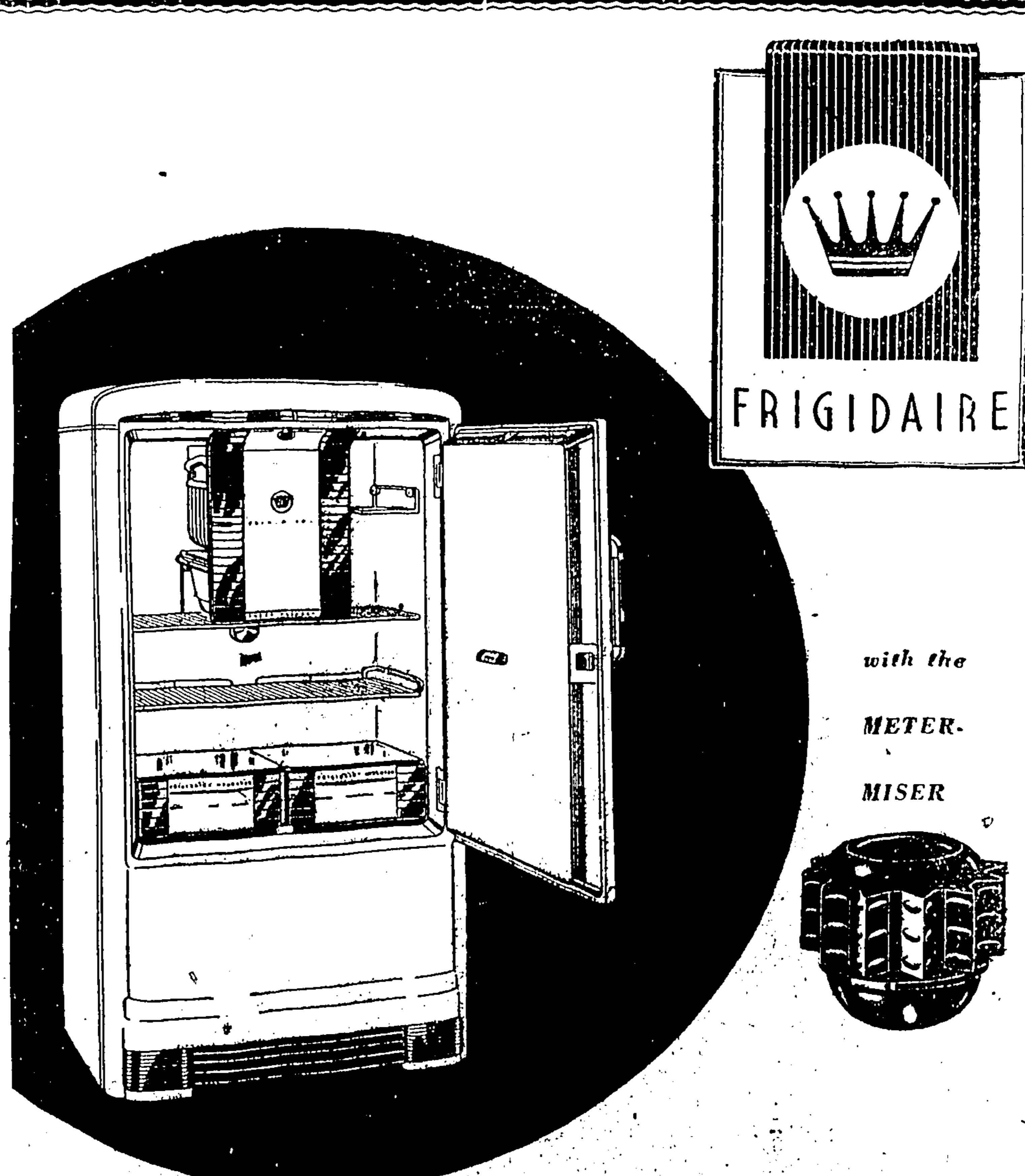
A.1. The referee should stop the game, have the spectator removed from the field of play and handed over to the Club officials, for such legal action as they may deem necessary, and order off the player who struck the spectator. He would also report both cases to the Football Association concerned.

A.2. The player should be ruled outside. N.B. If a player is in an offside position he cannot put himself onside.

A.3. The referee is the only person with the power to order a player off the field of play. Furthermore a player cannot leave the field of play, except in the case of injury. The captain should be cautioned by the referee for ungentlemanly conduct, and the player who was sent off by the captain should be allowed to return to the field of play after the referee had cautioned him for having left the field without his permission.

A.4. No, but the referee reports the matter to the Football Association concerned. N.B. In all matches played under the jurisdiction of Hong Kong Football Association a player sent off the field of play shall not take part in any match until the alleged offence has been dealt with, but he shall be deemed eligible to play if, after the expiration of 10 days, his case has not been dealt with, provided he himself is not responsible for the delay.

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GREEK SUCCESSES

Athens Announces Very Heavy Italian Casualties

JAPANESE RAID ON KUNMING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Japanese aircraft again bombed Kunming yesterday.

Many buildings, including educational institutions, were destroyed. — Our Own Correspondent.

ANTI-NAZI MOVE BY CUBA

THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA YESTERDAY DECREED ALL TOTALITARIAN ASSOCIATIONS ILLEGAL, PROHIBITED THE USE OF TOTALITARIAN FLAGS AND EMBLEMS AND BANNED ALL TOTALITARIAN PROPAGANDA.

The decree is considered to be aimed at Nazis, Fascists and Communists equally.

Meanwhile the Spanish Government has recalled its consul-general, Señor Genaro Riestra, a well-known Falangist (Spanish Fascist). It is believed in Havana that the Cuban Government requested that he be withdrawn because of his alleged anti-Democratic activities. — Reuter.

Artillery Breaks Up Counter-Attacks

NEW GREEK SUCCESSES on the Albanian battle-front, with heavy Italian casualties in both killed and wounded, were announced by the Greek Press Ministry yesterday, according to the Athens radio.

Outlining the operations during the past twenty-four hours, the statement says that in one sector, Greek detachments launched a successful attack and dislodged the Italian troops with heavy casualties to the latter.

This operation brought the Greek forces into close proximity of an important military base held by the Italians.

On the northern front, important offensive action of a wider scope than the usual local activity was undertaken.

Local attacks in this area also resulted in valuable advantages to the Greek forces.

In other sectors, Greek artillery inflicted great losses on the Italians at points where they were about to organise counter-attacks.

Heavy Italian Losses

In an area north of Klissoura, Greek troops are slowly but steadily pushing back the enemy whose forces will eventually be placed in a very difficult situation.

According to a cable sent by the Athens correspondent of the New York "Herald Tribune," the Greek Press Ministry adds that Italian losses in Albania already exceed 60,000 men. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

CANADA'S PART IN THE WAR

After three days of almost constant meetings of the Canadian Cabinet War Committee, at which reports were given by Colonel Ralston, Defence Minister, and Mr. Howe, Munitions Minister, on their visits to Britain, Mr. Mackenzie King, the Premier, called a full meeting for yesterday.

It was expected that the meeting would consider a number of important recommendations from the War Committee, particularly regarding the despatch of trained personnel overseas and munition production. — Reuter.

INFANTRY DECIDING FACTOR

"Teach troops only what it is necessary for them to know during wartime and teach them as if they were under actual war conditions."

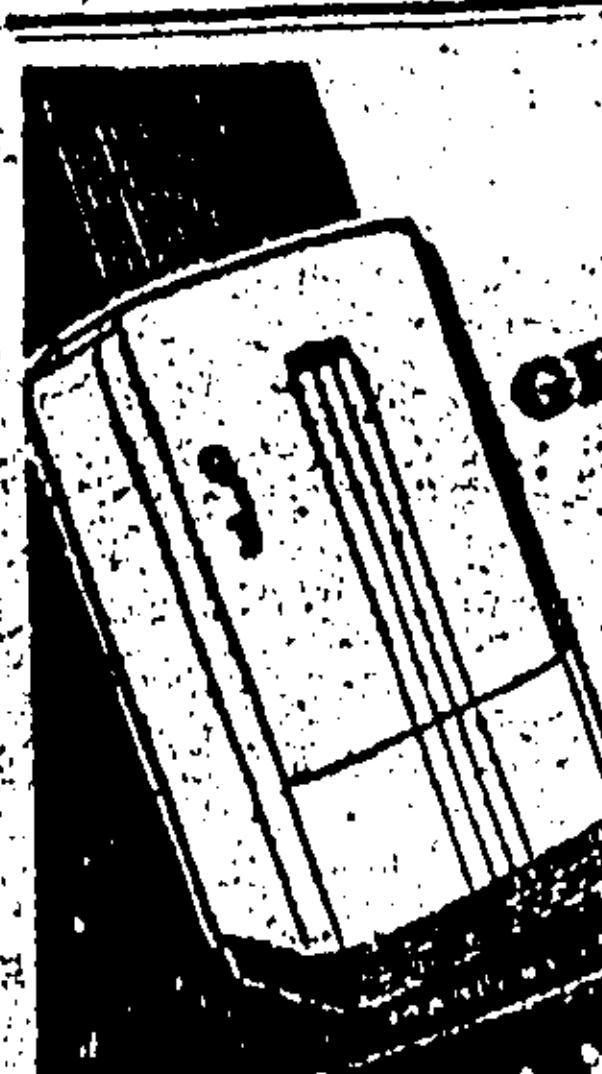
This is the keynote of an order regarding military training in 1941 issued by Marshal Timoschenko, Soviet Defence Commissar, in Moscow yesterday.

Marshal Timoschenko stresses the importance of infantry in modern warfare and urges that arms should be so co-ordinated as to secure the maximum advantage for the infantry, "which is the deciding factor in modern battles."

The "Red Star," organ of the Red Army, declares that "without good infantry victory can never be achieved in modern warfare."

According to Marshal Timoschenko another prerequisite for victory is discipline, which he describes as the chief strength of an army, and adds it is necessary to increase the authority of commanders. — Reuter.

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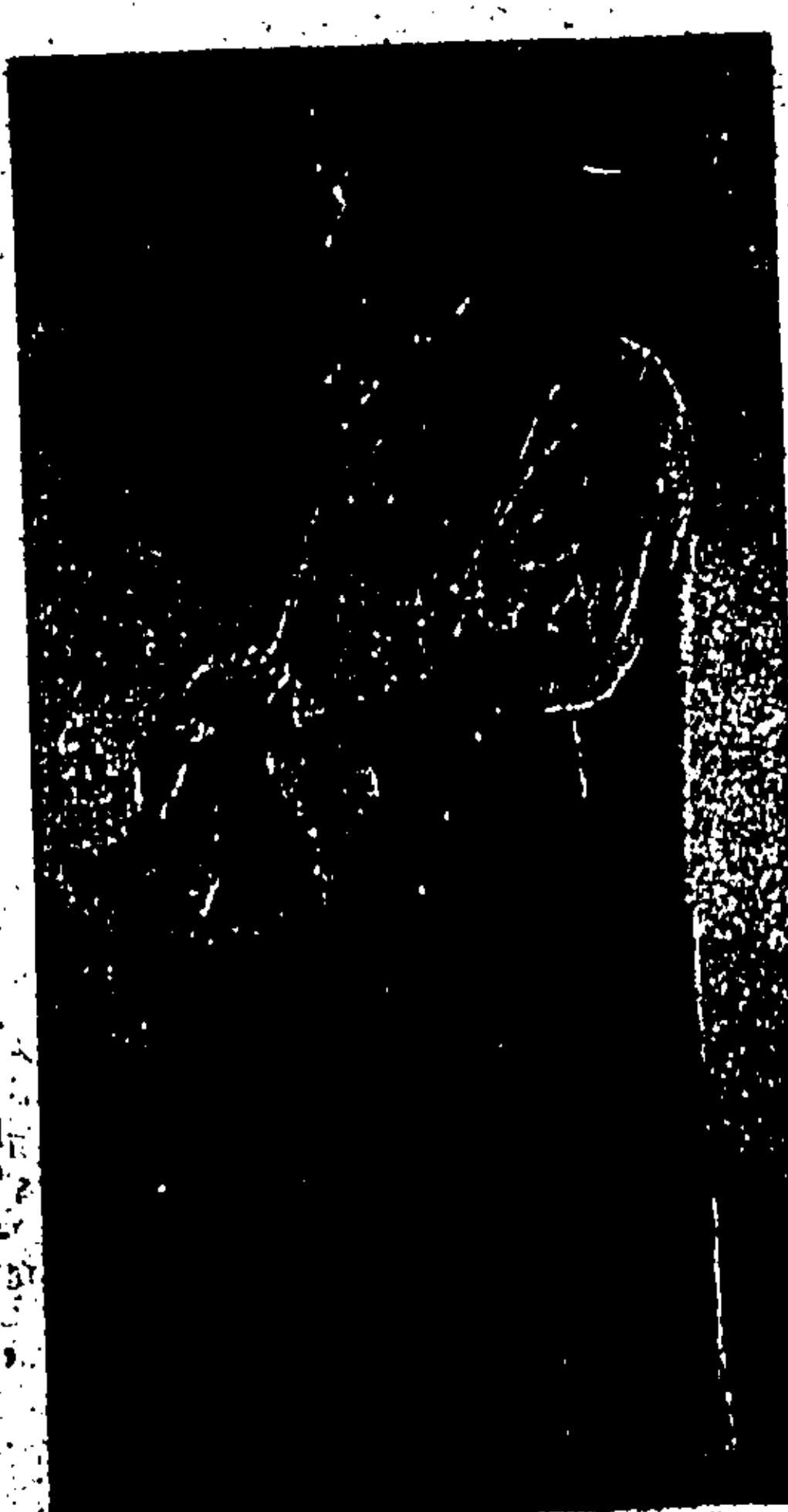


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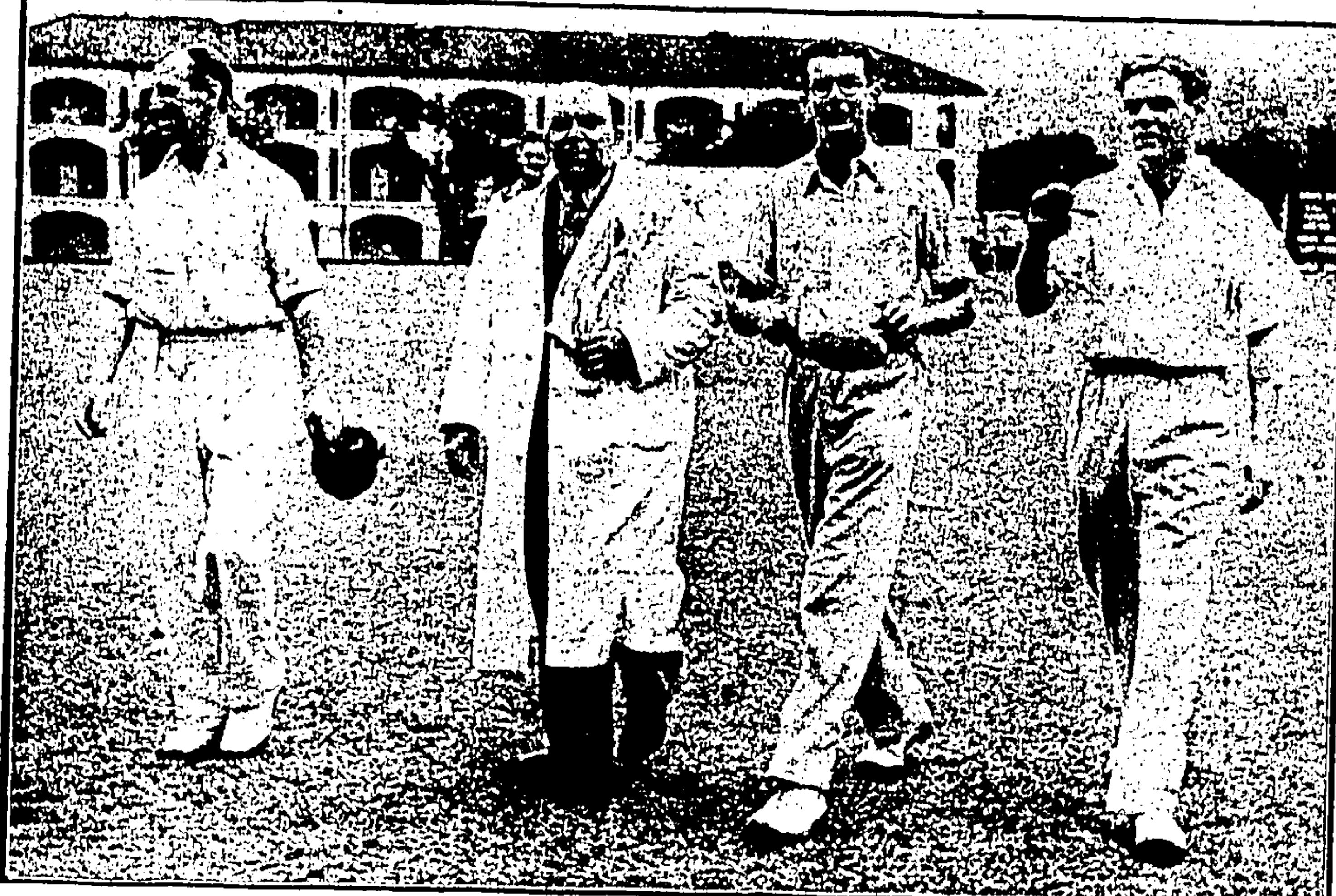
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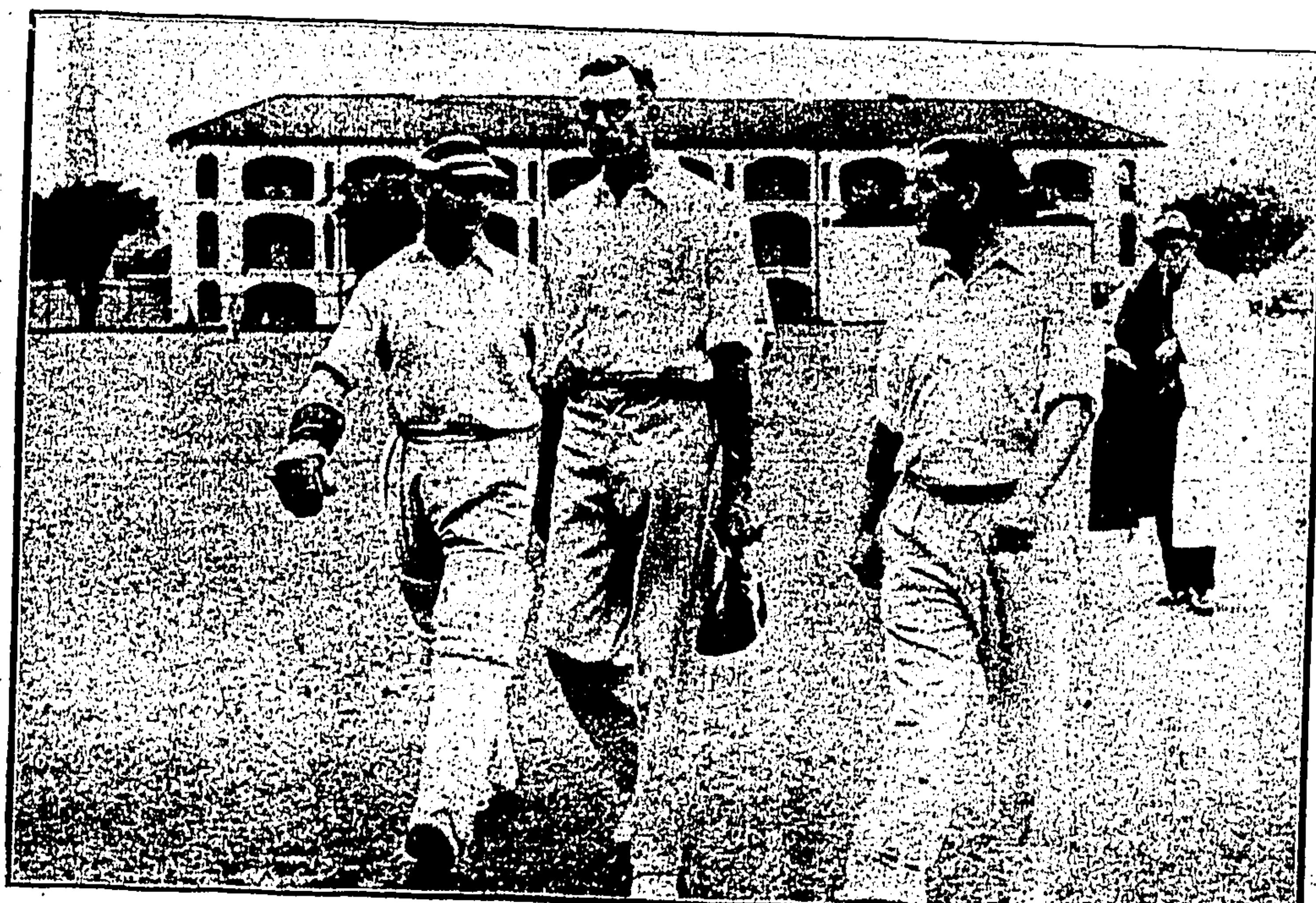
New Year Cricket



Coming in to lunch on the first day of the two-day cricket match between H.K.C.C. and K.C.C. Left to right D. McLellan, who fielded in the absence of D. O. Parsons, C. E. Gahagan (umpire), John Pearce and D. I. Bosanquet.



D. I. Bosanquet and A. E. Perry coming in to lunch on the first day of the two-day cricket match between H.K.C.C. and K.C.C.



Another group of H.K.C.C. fieldsmen. Left to right D. C. E. Gross, H. Owen Hughes, A. E. Perry, and in background, J. P. Robinson, the K.C.C. umpire.



The Civilians defeated the Royal Navy by four goals to one in the Lai Wah Cup Competition at the Kowloon Football Club last Sunday. Photo shows the winning team. (Tong).



N. A. E. Mackay (left) and E. C. Fincher, who put on 105 for the sixth wicket in Kowloon Cricket Club's first innings against Hong Kong Cricket Club in the two-day match over the holidays, after five wickets had fallen for 20. H.K.C.C. won the match by six wickets.



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STORY

Paid-Up Member

By Will R. Bird

It was raining a little at noon, but Simon Lasher drove out to his corner lot with the disc harrow. He had seen Dickie go up the back road, and he meant to intercept him as he returned; he had cleaned and oiled his old army rifle, and he meant to use it.

Simon gritted his teeth as he drove. Jim Dickie had asked for trouble. He had come into the settlement and bought the farm that Simon was on the point of buying. True, he and Hank Wheeler, had disagreed on the pride, but what right had an outsider to come in and pay more than the land was worth? Then insult added to injury, Dickie had taken Simon's girl from him. It was carrying things too far.

Simon hurried his horses. He must get to the road corner a few minutes before Dickie came in sight. He held the rifle and a shovel between his knees, and he swung his whip sharply. Folks said Simon never drove without a whip, but how could one hurry horses without it? And where would he be if he had not hurried? In ten years he had paid for his farm, and now had his house in readiness for a bride.

At the corner of the field he stopped his horses. The ground dipped slightly, forming a small hollow, and he dug in the centre of it, scooping a short, shallow trench. He had not got it as deep as he wished when he saw the horses prick up their ears. Someone was coming. He dropped his shovel. Jim Dickie was plodding past, his head down to the fine rain. Simon sneered. Not one but Dickie would go in a rain to Hank Wheeler's Post Office.

"He comes regular," Hank had reported. "He gets soldier magazines and Legion papers. He's a paid-up member, if he does live out here."

"Paid-up member!" Simon had jeered. "What good's that to him? Will it help him farm?"

He pretended to be tinkering with the disc harrow. The rifle was on the ground behind the discs.

"Hi!" he called. "Been for mail? Come over I want to show you something."

Dickie turned, his pale face friendly.

"Yes, I got something I been expecting, something special for returned men. . . ."

"Come an' see where I been diggin'," Simon interrupted.

He hated soldier stuff, as he hated this man who had won Mary Hawkins from him and the solemn way in which Dickie would recite "In Flanders Fields." Such rot!

Mary and he had quarrelled when he criticised the poem, and Mary had refused him her company. And now, a friend had told Simon in the morning, she and Dickie were to be married as soon as school ended. So Simon had cleaned his rifle.

Dickie carefully fished an envelope from his wet jacket as he came to where Simon had dug. "See what the Legion sent me," he said proudly, holding it out. "It's—"

Crack! The sullen report of a rifle. Simon had looped the reins about his wrists before he fired, and for a moment he was busy jerking the horses to a standstill, then he swung them round to where the limp body was pitched, face down, half into the cavity. His aim had been true. A dreadful redness was welling from the collar of Dickie's shirt. "Blast you!" Simon grated. "You kin be a paid-up member of that hole till the Kingdom come."

The horses quieted, and Simon caught up the shovel. He had heard the chugging of a wheezy motor in the distance. It was Hank Wheeler's car. A twist of his heel buried the envelope Dickie had dropped, a single push straightened the body in the trench. He flung the rifle in beside the dead man and shovelled hurriedly. When the old flivver came in sight Simon was seated on his harrow, and had just crossed the spaded earth. Twenty minutes later no one could have found the spot where he had dug.

At six o'clock Wheeler knocked at Simon's door. He was county sheriff as well as postmaster. "Did you see Jim Dickie this afternoon?" he asked bluntly.

"Yes, I did, Hank," Simon said. "He passed when I was harrowing. Why?"

"He ain't been seen since," said Hank, as bluntly as before.

"That's strange!" Simon stimulated surprise. "Maybe he's at one of the neighbours."

"I been all around," Hank said. "You don't know anything, eh?"

"Me? No I don't, Hank," Simon said smoothly. "I'll send word if I see him."

Three months had passed since

Jim Dickie vanished. Simon went to his hoeing contentedly. Mary was recovering from the shock. She had got her colour back. He would go and call on her in a few days.

He pulled weeds with a vim.

Everything had gone better than he expected. There hadn't been much fuss over Dickie's disappearance, not as much as he had dreaded. And Dickie's Legion had been a joke. An official of some kind had come one day and talked with Hank—that was all that had been done. Paid-up member—pooh!

Hank had never seemed the same, but perhaps the sheriff's complete failure to find a clue to Dickie's murderer accounted for that. Simon had often looked at

the corner lot, now a shimmering green, inches deep. Who would guess its secret? It was good ground and the rain was doing fine. In the autumn he would scoop more earth in the hollow at the corner, fill it in.

When he reached the house at supper time Hank Wheeler and an officer from the city met him. Handcuffs were snapped on Simon's wrists before he could take in what had been said. Hank enlightened him.

"What—me—arrested for mur—derin' Dickie?" Simon shouted. "You're crazy. I don't know nothin' about him."

"No?" Hank's voice sent shivers up Simon's spine. "You'll have a

hard time makin' the judge believe that. You harrowed that field the day Jim was killed—and it was your rifle we found beside him."

"You—you—found—" Simon's face whitened, became ghastly. He seemed to wilt.

"We did," Hank said grimly. "All I been doin' was watch that field of yours. I knew they'd sprout if they was near the surface."

Simon licked his dry lips. "What—sprouted?" He whispered.

"Poppies," Wheeler snapped, as they led Simon to his car. "Jim got an envelope full of seed that day—a special good kind the Legion sent to paid-up members."

U.S. Defence Needs

Purposes Must Be Defined

Needs Liaison With Congress

Certainly also the British experience should be studied, in so far as time permits; but their organisation cannot be adopted in toto because of the difference in constitutional structure and the nature of the problems to be dealt with. For example, in Great Britain the presence on the C.I.D. of certain Cabinet ministers

But that the effort must be made is apparent, growing more so every day. The present defence commission is concerned with procurement only. Suppose it is required to produce 50,000 planes. The soldier will say, "What kind of planes? Where are you going to operate? Over what distances? Against what kind of targets? Under what conditions? Do you want all bombers, long range or short range, or do you want pursuit planes, observation planes, and so on?"

In other words, in every major decision of procurement there are tactical, strategical and political elements which must be considered. There is no way of providing a fighting force or a munitions industry which will be worth anything at all without deciding what purpose this force or this industry is meant to serve, and under what conditions it may be required to operate. No one is now making these decisions, or if they are being made the country is not being informed of it.

It may well be suggested that no greater measure toward assuring the public confidence and indeed public enthusiasm in and for the defence programme could be taken than the resolution of some of these difficulties, the bringing of some degree of order out of the present confusion. The resources of this nation are not infinite, nor is the time at our disposal. The best use of those resources, and of that precious and perhaps dwindling time margin, can only be made if we now begin to sort them out into something resembling a pattern of military and political order, rather than the kaleidoscopic mess which is all that even informed observers can now perceive.

PRECAUTION AFTER BABY ARRIVES

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There were scenes of devastation at Coventry following the attack made by German bombers at night. Photo shows a view in one of the burnt-out streets showing the debris and a burnt-out bus. (Copyright, Fox.)

BOMBED BRITAIN

(Note: American newspaper man and radio commentator, who spent the first eight months of the war in Berlin, and is now an observer in Britain)

To a neutral observer, travelling through the British Isles nowadays, the sight of homes and buildings wrecked by German bombs is not nearly so impressive as the spirit of the British people.

Arrested, now and then, by the hideous debris of what once was a worker's cosy cottage, or the gaunt skeleton of a former office building, one may ponder the destruction wrought by "man's inhumanity to man."

But one can only marvel at the courage of those who, surviving such destruction, still carry on with unflinching cheerfulness and confidence.

For there is no denying that the Nazis have failed in their principal object, which was the terrorisation of the civil population. By that, they hoped to shatter British morale; by that, they hoped to paralyse British industries; and thus bring about an early peace which, alone, would enable them to win the present war.

This failure has been due, primarily, to the ability of the British civil population to adapt itself to present circumstances; an adaptation all the more remarkable in a nation that is, by nature, comfort-loving, easy-going and peaceful.

Nazi mentalities being what they are, it is easy to understand how they would confuse such qualities with "decadence"; how they would conclude that, since martial swagger and vainglorious boastings did not have the same appeal to the British masses as they had to their own, the British had "gone soft."

If anything was needed to prick this bubble of Nazi imagination—or lack of it—the manner in which the British masses have endured the most intensive raids has done so effectively and unequivocally.

Go where you will in Britain, and you will hear no grousing; you will hear no whimpering nor complaining. You will hear only indignation at the brutality of Nazi methods; defiance of Nazi military power; and everywhere a reiterated determination that, at whatever cost, the war must be won.

What Raids Are Like

As a war correspondent, I have experienced air raids in Finland, Norway and elsewhere, and as a

result this crystallisation of British sentiment, this stiffening of British morale, resulting from indiscriminate bombings in London and other British cities and towns, did not surprise me.

My experience has been that people who have never been in air raids imagine them to be much worse than they are in reality.

That is, perhaps, only natural. Newspaper accounts of hundreds killed by bombs, and whole city blocks in ruins, fire imaginations.

—By—
WARREN IRVIN

The average newspaper reader may not stop to reason that a few hundred killed in a city of nine million souls is tragic—but not necessarily important; nor that a whole city block destroyed in a city with an area of 443,455 acres is even less important.

And, on occasion, when investigating reports of the destruction of whole city blocks, I have been surprised to find that the damage was, in fact, confined to three or four buildings in the block.

How They Took It

On September 7, when the Nazis began their intensive raids, I was in London. The raid, on that particular day, was one of the worst London has had. Few of the others since compared with it. I made it a point to observe the reactions of the people. The worst damage was in the poorer sections of the East End. I went over there, and talked with many of those whose homes had been destroyed.

Some of them had been working for twenty or thirty years to pay for those houses; and, in a flash, all their possessions had been wiped out.

Yet, to my amazement, I found that they were much more concerned with their neighbours' losses than with their own.

"I'm lucky," one man said to me. "I've lost my home. But I've still got my missus, and my job. My brother-in-law has lost both his missus and his home. He's got three kiddies, and no job."

Another man held up a battered old suitcase. "This is all my

missus and I have to show for thirty years of scraping and saving," he said. "But it's all part of the war—and if our boys give it back to them in Berlin, it's all right with us."

But the poorer districts weren't the only ones bombed. A few days later, the Nazis bombed the fashionable residential sections of the West End, and then, Buckingham Palace.

Poor and rich, royalty and commoners—all were victims of Nazi bombs; and all were united, as Britons, by a common bond of suffering. The rich did what they could to help the poor, to find other quarters for them, to provide food and clothing for them. There were thousands of homeless poor. The relief problem was gigantic. But they were cared for. Factory workers went to their jobs as usual; and industrial output was scarcely affected.

London Takes Cover

Still, in these early days, there was some anxiety; there were some people who couldn't sleep because of the noise made by the bombs and anti-aircraft guns—quite a few people, women especially. Then London began to move underground. Queues appeared at dusk before the entrances to the big public shelters; the doors were drawn open; the people flocked in and slept.

A strange life for Londoners, this, burrowing like moles into the earth's surface. Not so comfortable as the peacetime life in their own homes. But it was safe; and, in time, it became reasonably comfortable. At least, the people got used to it; learned to adapt themselves.

It meant a sacrifice of privacy, of course; it meant community living.

But it had its advantages, as well as disadvantages. It brought the people closer together; it made them realise that war necessitated sacrifices by all classes alike.

And life in the shelters wasn't so bad. Some of the people brought musical instruments, and entertained their fellows. Some of the women organised knitting or sewing circles. There was plenty of conversation; and there was plenty of humour.

Facing It With A Smile

Indeed, the war seems to have made a special appeal to the British sense of humour. One encounters it on all sides. One sees it scrawled in chalk on the blackboards being used as posters by the news vendors.



A bearded Italian airman seen in London. (Copyright, Fox).

"Italy wins the Boat Race" was how one news vendor described the retreat of Italian naval forces before units of the British Mediterranean Fleet.

Shopkeepers, too, are contributing their share. In one street, where the windows of most of the shops were shattered by a bomb explosion, one shop hung out a sign: "Open as Usual." Whereupon the shop next door, facing it, hung out a sign: "More Open aware that worse may yet come; but fully resolved, also, to face it with a smile."

That, after weeks of intensive air raids, is the spirit of the smile.

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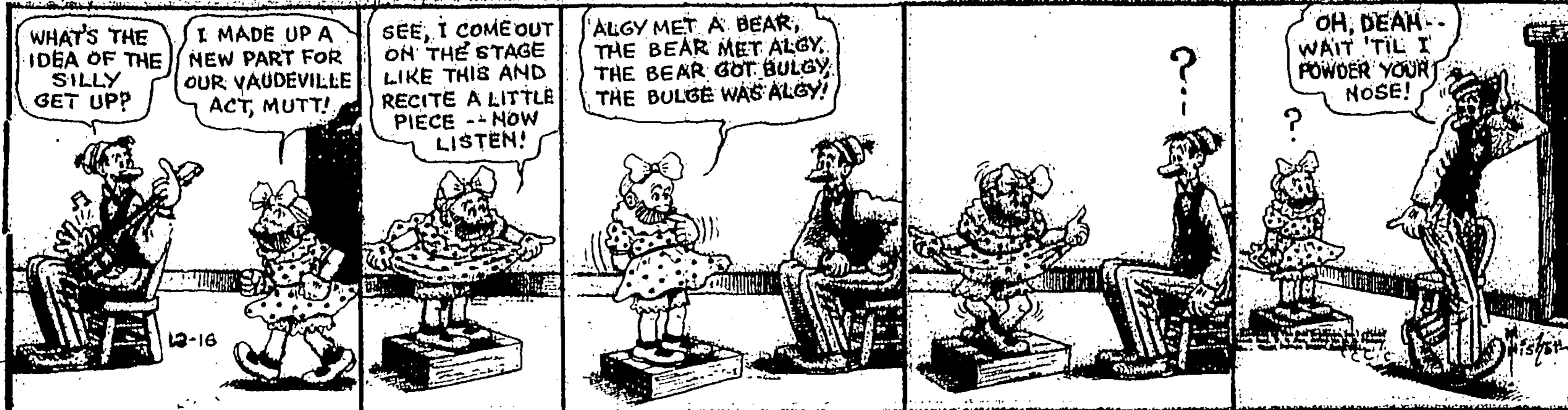
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN I Bossed My Husband

I looked at myself in the mirror and saw only the ghost of the person I was ten years ago, when my beauty was the talk of the small town where I spent all my early life.

My face was pale and lined. My eyes had sunk in their sockets and lacked the lustre that once characterised them.

And I sat down and reflected upon the ten years I have been married to my husband—of all that had happened in that time, and I concluded rather sadly that I was indeed a ghost.

Perhaps I am the victim of my own ambition—a sort of Frankenstein, who had been killed by her own creation.

I see my husband as he was when I met him, youthful, crude in his manners, but whose mind was lively and receptive to impressions. He was so handsome that the world in which he moved about forgave him all his faults.

And I remember how I studied the material for a man who, with careful moulding, would eventually become an ideal husband.

I Thought I Could Change Him

What better mission could a woman have in life than to create something useful and beautiful out of such promising material? The thought fascinated me. I used to lie awake at nights thinking about the tremendous possibilities. Maybe in one, two, three, four years I could whip him into such refined shape that even his own mother would not know him.

So I came to a big decision: I will marry him, I said to myself.

And I did. It was so easy, for you see, I, too, was young, beautiful and possessed of some culture. He responded to me immediately, and very soon he was eager to wed me.

Those early years consisted of much hard work, and sometimes it appeared that I should never make any headway. He had such appalling habits. At night he would return home and take off his boots and sit in his socks. When he blew his nose the very house shook. He sucked his teeth, ate with his mouth open; he sniffed, and when he laughed he roared like a jungle tiger.

As for his education, I found him to be relatively illiterate. He wore his clothes like a yokel, and when he was in company he made every mistake a man could possibly make.

But with patience and perseverance I made headway. There was no question of nagging him. Everything I did I did by suggestion. Even when his manners revolted me most I would never reveal my feelings.

At night I got him to study. Then after a while he was eager to go to night classes. Very soon he took an interest in everything that promised to help him along the path of life.

Refined Him

After three years he had acquired a decent accent. He no longer dropped his aitches, sucked his teeth, sniffling or laughed like a jungle tiger. His whole manner had indeed become refined.

I took him out to my friends with no fears. He mixed easily with men of position. His personality was likeable. He knew when to speak or shut up. Soon he was making headway in the job I obtained for him through the influence of friends.

Then he developed aptitude for selling. Two years later he was making seven hundred a year. Now he was the big fellow, and the shadow of regret began to

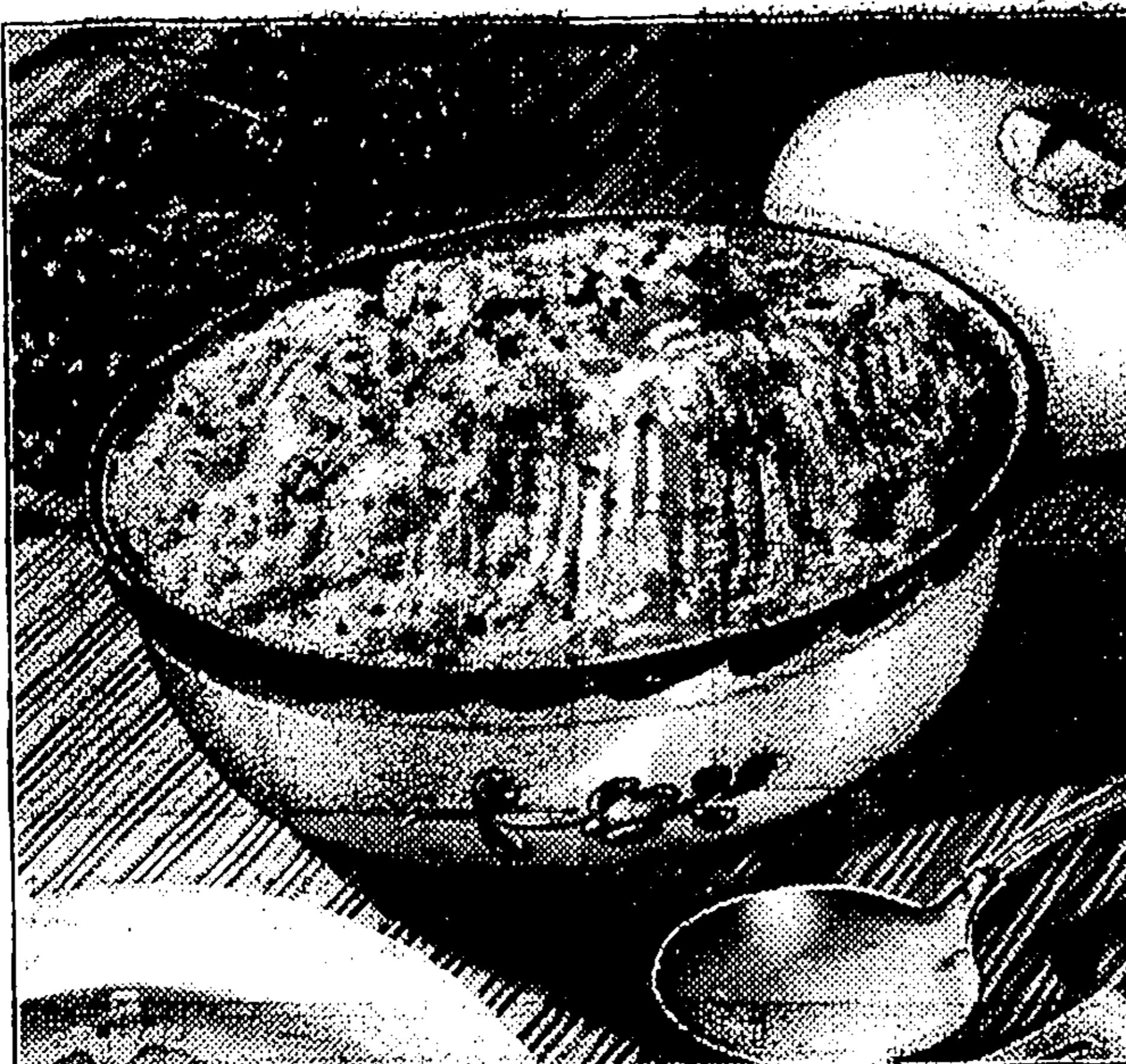
HOT PIES with Browned Potato Tops

by Dorothy Greig

DAD was a great rooter for hot pies. "My, that smells good!" he'd say as mother set before him one of her triumphs crowned with potatoes freshly browned from the oven.

Then, as the serving spoon dipped through into the center releasing further savory whiffs of meat and vegetables, dad would bow grandly in mother's direction and announce with a flourish, "Chil-

stir well. Then add turkey gravy, turkey, cooked carrots, cooked celery and water. Pour into a baking dish and cover top with mashed potatoes. Put into a hot



Turkey-Mushroom Pie with Potato Cover, made of left-over turkey, is a savory dish for supper.

dren, your mother is undoubtedly the world's finest cook."

Well, appetizing aroma does stimulate appetite. On that score, the pies I give you here will win plenty of rooters. The first one is made of left-over holiday turkey, and vegetables, mixed together with turkey gravy and condensed cream of mushroom soup, and baked just long enough to blend the flavors to perfection.

Turkey and Mushroom Pie with Potato Cover

1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup

1 cup turkey gravy

2 cups cooked turkey, diced

1 cup cooked carrots

1 cup cooked celery

1/4 cup water

2-3 cups mashed potatoes, seasoned

Empty the soup into a pan and

creep over his being, so much so that I saw the man I created with such painstaking care and such exhaustion to my own health becoming something altogether different from what I had imagined.

Perhaps it was ill-health that made me neglect my own appearance. I began to look old for my years. But I never neglected my task.

Perhaps I might have been contented with him like that had he not developed an indifference towards me, taking for granted everything I did.

And I little knew that cause of his indifference.

One night, while I was returning home in the black-out, I overheard my husband talking to a girl. She was saying to him: "That's all very well, but everybody in the town knows that your wife is the boss. She dominates you. You know that, too."

I had not the courage to tell him what I had overheard. Today I wait—I wait for my Frankenstein Monster to reveal his love for this girl.

Perhaps I should have left him then. What do you think?

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AFTER THE BLITZ AT COVENTRY—This remarkable picture shows a scene in one of the streets at Coventry following the visit by the German raiders. (Copyright, Fox).



Robinson saving a corner shot in the Lai Wah Cup Competition last Sunday at the Kowloon Football Club.



There were scenes of devastation at Coventry following the attack made by German bombers at night. Photo shows an amazing picture at Coventry. Pedestrians are seen making their way carefully through streets of the city. (Copyright, Fox).



Banker, of the Army, Intercepting Lee Wal-tong's movement, rushed out and prevented the opposition from scoring during the Lai Wah Cup Competition last Sunday.

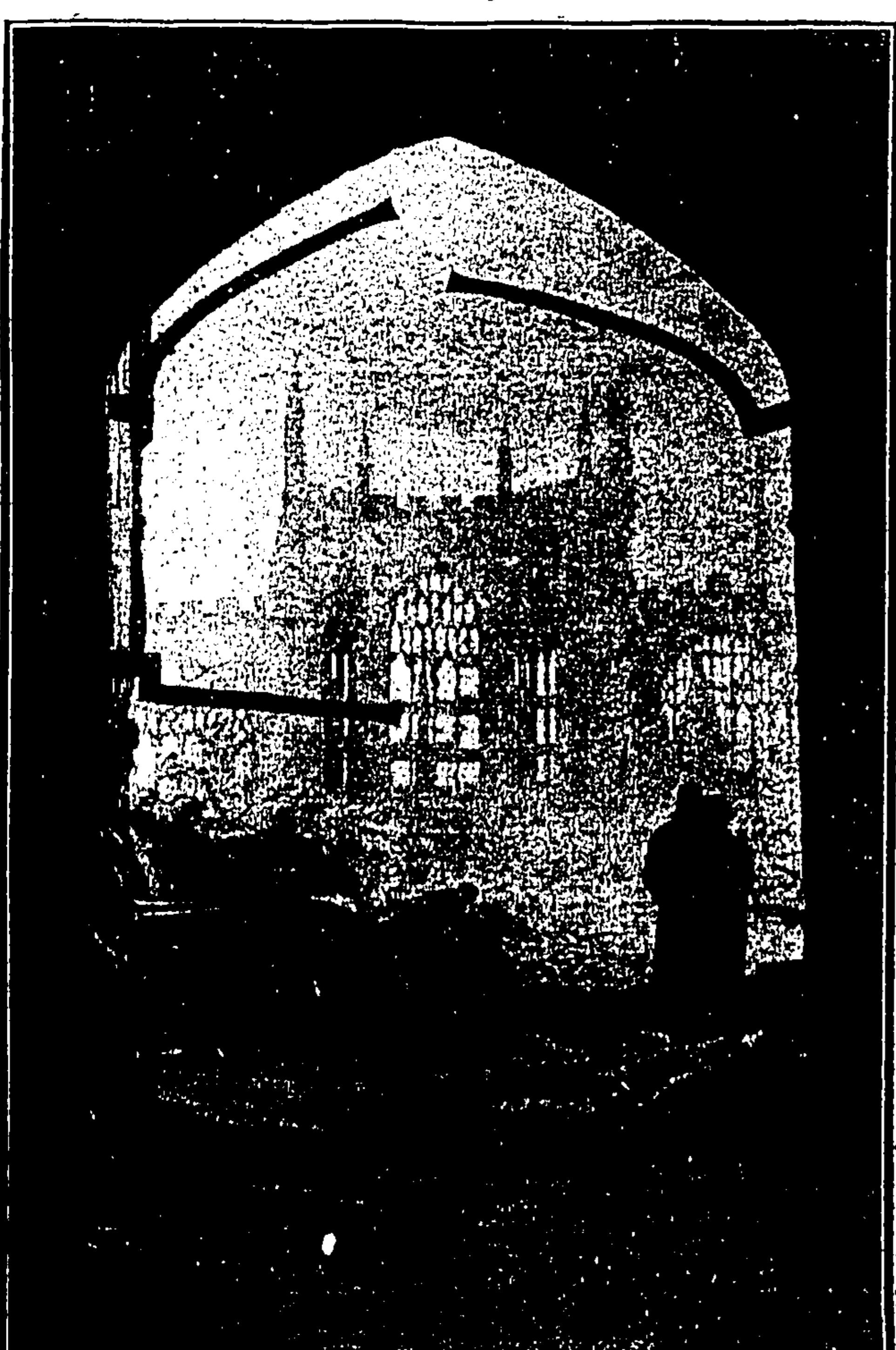
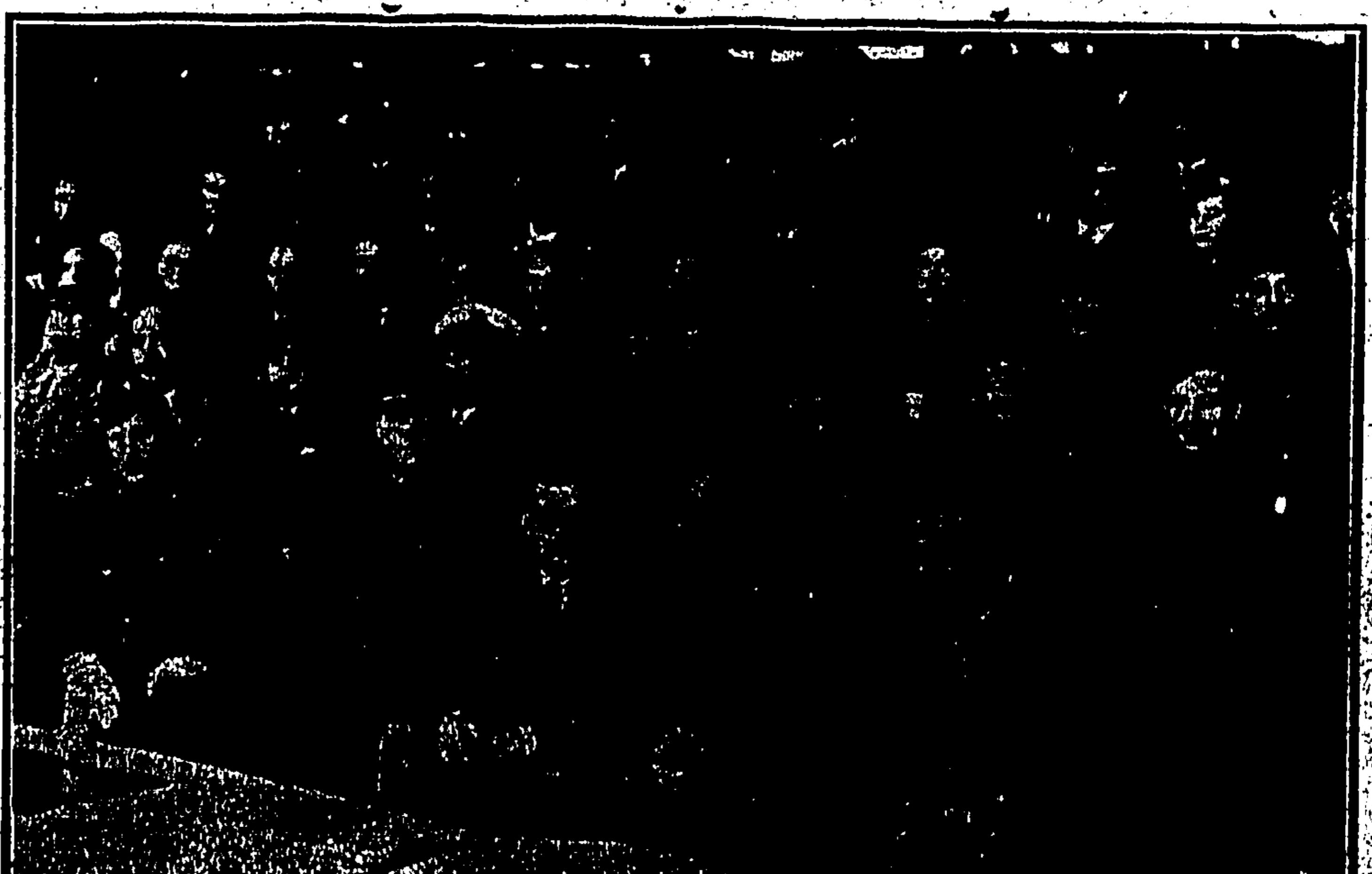


Photo shows Coventry Cathedral in the centre of the city is completely ruined by the vicious bombing. (Copyright, Fox). (Right)—Some of the crowd who turned out to watch the Rugby encounter between Scotland and England.



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President Roosevelt's Promise Of Further Aid

Fresh assurances of the United States' firm determination to continue assistance to Britain on an ever-increasing scale were given by President Roosevelt to Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador, in formal exchanges which took place after Lord Halifax landed at Annapolis, it is now revealed by the State Department.

The Department yesterday published the text of President Roosevelt's remarks to the British Ambassador when he presented his credentials on landing. —Reuter.

EFFECT OF RAIDS ON WILHELMSHAVEN

AN INTERESTING sidelight on the effectiveness of British air raids on Germany, such as that carried out on Wednesday night on Wilhelmshaven, is thrown by an interview in the Stockholm newspaper "Arbetaren" with a sailor who has paid regular visits to the German port.

He said: "English air raids were really efficient during the last months. Previously traces of bombing at Bremen were practically invisible and air raids rare."

On my return in December changed conditions were noticeable — bomb destruction was everywhere, alerts sounding regularly every night.

The necessity to remain in port one month for discharging and loading proves the difficulties created by bombing.

During one attack a Finnish steamer was struck and the boat damaged though able to go to Sweden for repairs.

The population takes the bombing stoically. At the same time the Germans have a wonderful capacity for speedily removing traces of bombing.

British air raids, however, are producing a psychological effect as people are commencing to feel a curious admiration for the English who, despite deadly bombing, still return with ever increasing force.

German Doubts

This admiration is slowly changing towards doubt of the reliability of German bulletins. Questions are being asked how the English possibly can increase the intensity of air raids if their own damage is as great as asserted.

English bombers show no respect for the German A.A. defence and it was possible to note their repeatedly returning to a certain position before dropping bombs. — British Wireless.

Participation In Economic Blockade

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

IT WAS DISCLOSED IN WASHINGTON LAST NIGHT THAT BRITAIN WANTS THE UNITED STATES TO BECOME A "FULL-FLEDGED NON-BELIGERENT PARTNER" IN THE WAR.

It was added that proposals to this effect have been made to the United States Government "in an informal way," apparently by the new Ambassador, Lord Halifax, in his talks with President Roosevelt.

The proposals, it was declared in well-informed Washington quarters, envisage among other things outright American participation in the economic blockade of the Axis powers.

As a step in this direction Britain wants the United States to extend the scope of the export licensing system to cover all materials which might be helpful to the Axis powers in waging war in Europe or the Far East.

Britain also wants the right to establish a naval contraband control station in the West Indies, preferably in Trinidad, to halt the flow of war supplies from South American countries to Germany via Japan and Russia.

Meanwhile the House of Representatives will consider President Roosevelt's Lease and Lend Bill on Monday.

Over First Hurdle

The measure passed its first congressional test when the House Foreign Affairs Committee, by 17 votes to eight, approved the Bill yesterday.

Before approving the legislation the Committee made four major changes.

First, adoption of a provision to end the life of the proposed law on June 30, 1943.

Second, a declaration that nothing in the measure should be construed as empowering the President to authorise United States warships to convoy merchantmen in belligerent waters.

Third, a requirement that President Roosevelt report to Congress on any action taken under the legislative grant of power at least once every 90 days.

Fourth, a provision requiring the President to consult Army and Navy officials before releasing any national defence materials to another nation. — International News Service.

BRITISH TRAWLER SUNK

The trawler Pelton has been sunk, announces an Admiralty communiqué issued in London yesterday. The next of kin of casualties were informed. — Reuter.

Top news from the field of science this year was the brand new electric refrigerator for home use. Resulting from more than three years of rigid laboratory tests and experiments, the new refrigerator is triple-acting for new-perfect preservation of all types of food.

A product of the extensive laboratories maintained in Philadelphia, Pa., by the Philco Radio and Television Corp., the new device, while no larger than the ordinary present day refrigerator, embodies three types of cold and two distinct methods of processes.

Three separate compartments in the refrigerator provide three types of cold, a dry air compartment, a layer to maintain temperature such food as butter, milk and berries; a second compartment, which is designed to generate a cold pool for cooked meats and fresh vegetables, retains the original flavour and freezing vitamins.

The third compartment is powered by liquid air for quick freezing and was designed for frozen food and desserts.

Besides the electric freezing unit which operates on Freon, the most economical and practical of all known refrigerants, the new refrigerator also has an aluminum Mois Cold Shelf. This addition is a brand new invention and evolves from a process perfected by Philco technicians. When

dishes of food come in contact with the shelf, heat is quickly drawn out and the food is chilled almost immediately. Strangely too, the more dishes placed on the shelf, the faster it works.

The new refrigerator operates by the controlled circulation of dehumidified air which eliminates completely usual refrigeration odours and assists in further preservation of foods with no mixing of flavours.

Another advance in refrigerator design is the new storm door which is ready two days in advance. On the first door is a cold air shelf to hold food most frequently used and directly behind is a second door which prevents escape of cold air every time the refrigerator is used.

The new refrigerator, according to Philco engineers, represents the most important step in food preservation since the development of the electric refrigerator itself.

Every model is within your reach and the agents will be only too pleased to give you a demonstration without obligation. All you need to do is phone 27684 or 27017 (Hong Kong) or 58026 (Kowloon), or write for further information to the local agents, Messrs. Gilman & Co., Ltd., 4a, Des Voeux Road, C, Gloucester Arcade, or 132, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

Hitler Threatens Britain In Usual Blustering Speech

Reiteration Of An Old Nazi Theme

"IT IS USELESS to predict any differences with Italy or that Italy will slide out, and it is equally useless to invent revolutions in Italy," declared Hitler in the course of his message to the German people, delivered from the Sports Palace in Berlin yesterday afternoon.

"Wherever we can strike at Britain," Hitler added, "we shall strike. If the British think to see proof of their victory in a few misfortunes which have befallen our partner I do not understand their argument."

Speaking of his relations with Mussolini, Hitler said: "We two are neither Jews nor business dealers. If we have joined hands this is the hand-clasp of men of honour."

Continuing, Hitler said: "If the British think that by propaganda and lies they will alienate the German people I must say they should not have slept so long."

"It is as ridiculous as their present attempts to try and bring about an estrangement between the Italian people and the Duce."

Prayer To God

"We enter the New Year with an armed might which is prepared as never before in German history."

"This Spring we will begin U-boat warfare and our enemies will then feel we were not asleep."

"We are confident we shall achieve victory. We pray to God that he may not forsake our struggle in the New Year, 1941."

After the speech Joseph Goebbels, the Propaganda Minister, shouted: "Command, my Fuehrer! We obey and shall follow you!"

When The Hour Strikes

Earlier in his speech Hitler said: "I have read on several occasions that the English intend to start a great offensive somewhere."

"I would ask them to let me know about it beforehand. I would then have that area in Europe evacuated."

"I would gladly spare them the difficulties of a landing and we would express our views once again, using the only language they understand."

"We stand here on this continent, and from where we stand nobody can move us."

"We have created certain bases. When the hour strikes we shall deal decisive blows."

American Aid

"And that we have made the most of our time they will be taught by history this year."

"They are calling for America. We have taken into account every possibility in advance."

Hitler added that Germany had never had any interest on the American Continent. — Reuter.

MR. N. L. SMITH BACK IN COLONY

The Honourable Mr. N. L. Smith, Colonial Secretary, returned from Chungking yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Smith stated that the visit to Chungking was a personal one and was not on official business.

Mr. Smith left for Chungking last Monday.

ANTI-GAS HELMETS FOR BABIES

The Home Secretary stated in the Commons yesterday that his department had issued about one and a quarter million anti-gas helmets for babies, says a British Wireless message from London.



BRITISH AND CANADIAN TROOPS IN ICELAND—Two of the Anti-Aircraft guns.

SOUTH AFRICAN AIR BLOW TO ITALIANS

ONE OF THE MOST successful operations carried out by the South African Air Force on three successive days, dealing a crippling blow to the Italians without loss on their part, is described in a cable from Nairobi to-day.

ARMY BILLET FEE IS NOT ENOUGH

Women who have been puzzling their brains how to feed soldiers billeted in their homes on 2s. 7d. per day might just as well give it up.

Military authorities admit it can't be done—that is, if there are only one or two soldiers.

"We have gone into the complaints we have had about the inadequacy of the allowance," Colonel K. Martin, chief billeting officer for the Northern Command told a reporter.

"We admit that a housewife with only one or two soldiers to please cannot do all she would like to do for them unless she is in a position to give them something from her own larder."

"That is why many women who have sufficient accommodation are asking for four and even six soldiers to be billeted on them."

"The aggregate amount they receive enables them to give the men all they think they should have."

"One thing the Army is proud of is that the women of Britain, generally speaking, are enthusiastic to have soldiers billeted in their homes. They regard it as a privilege and a patriotic duty to be able to give men away from their own homes some of the comforts of the fireside and better cooking."

Billeting officers in the Northern Command have now commandeered 17,000 buildings, from small houses to mansions and factories, as winter quarters for troops.

Rental claims are being paid at the rate of 50s. a week.

If it is six months or more before some property owners receive their money it cannot be avoided. The clerical staff of this department are working at top pressure.

As a result the car park at Oegelli, housing over 150 vehicles, has been completely gutted.

The Yavello aerodrome has sustained severe damage and one Caproni has been destroyed and others damaged while at Sciasciamanna, over 40 miles beyond the frontier and halfway to Addis Ababa, six other Italian aircraft were destroyed or seriously damaged.

Pilots of two squadrons flew 100 miles over wilderness inhabited by hostile people — over a distance on some occasions longer than the R.A.F. have to cover when they bomb Berlin. — Reuter.

MUTUAL AXIS BACK SCRATCHING

"Comradely greetings" from Mussolini to Hitler are expressed by the Duce in a telegram to the Fuehrer on the eighth anniversary of his accession to power.

This, says Mussolini, "finds Italy and Germany fraternally allied in the final revolutionary fight for the creation of a new Europe."

Mussolini adds: "The whole Italian nation unites with me on the occasion of this celebration in unchangeable loyalty and with unshakeable resolution to fight to final victory."

Hitler, replying, says: "Shoulder to shoulder with our friendly ally, the Italian nation, Nazi Germany fights on determinedly and with sure consciousness of her ultimate victory for a new Europe."

King Victor Emmanuel also sent a congratulatory message, to which Hitler cordially replied. — Reuter.

AIR RAID ON SUEZ CANAL ZONE

The Suez Canal area was subjected to an air raid yesterday morning. Bombs were dropped but no damage caused and there were no casualties.

Alerts were sounded in Cairo and other places in lower and upper Egypt as the enemy passed over towards the Canal area. — Reuter.

COMMONS QUESTIONS ON KESWICK AFFAIR

A QUESTION WAS PUT in the House of Commons yesterday by Sir J. S. Wardlaw-Milne (Cons.) regarding the wounding of Mr. W. J. Keswick, Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, at the Ratepayers' Meeting.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replying, said the British Ambassador had made strong representations about the disorderly conduct of Japanese ratepayers and had pressed for early and suitable punishment of Mr. Hayashi, the assailant.

The Japanese Government had informed our Ambassador that Mr. Hayashi was being brought back to Japan for trial and everything would be done to prevent a recurrence of the incident, which was greatly regretted.

Mr. Butler was glad to say that Mr. Keswick's wounds were not serious and he was expected to leave hospital soon.

Sir J. S. Wardlaw-Milne suggested the Government inform Tokyo that the Japanese claim for further representation on the Council would not receive the support of the British Government.

Mr. Butler said: "I have nothing further to add in reply to questions." — Reuter.

DON'T BLEAT

"It is no use bleating about everyone being in the front line and then just sitting still," declared Mr. A. M. Lyons, M.P. for East Leicester, at Leicester.

"Every effort must be made now, not when it is too late. There should be communal feeding, communal housing, shelter, sleeping and entertaining arrangements made everywhere. It is high time we were prepared in every area for whatever calamity may occur."

The housewife's table must also be protected. He was determined to secure that the newly-appointed food investigation committee had powers to prosecute and take immediate action against any exploiter.

Prices should be fixed for all food-stuffs. That should not be done after they had soared beyond the reach of the housewife's purse, as was the case with onions.

HERTZOG HONOURED

A Bill granting General Hertzog, ex-Premier of the Union of South Africa, an annual pension of £2,000 was passed by the All States Assembly yesterday at Cape Town.

The Prime Minister, General Smuts, said that the pension was intended not as a favour but as an honour for a man who led the country through some of its most troublesome days.

In a tribute to General Hertzog's sincerity and determination to do the best for his people General Smuts expressed the hope that General Hertzog would continue to serve the country and that the Hertzog tradition, which kept public life in the Union free from corruption, would remain the tradition of South Africa. — Reuter.

WILLKIE HAS A FEW DRINKS

From Park Lane To Mix With Labourers

"As Good As An Armistice Day To Us"

MR. WENDELL WILLKIE threw convention to the winds yesterday when he left his Park Lane hotel and went to a public house, where he had a pint of beer and played darts with builders and labourers.

He stood drinks to a party of soldiers on leave and at the invitation of the landlord went behind the bar, pulled himself a glass of beer and joked with the barmaid.

LEASE AND LEND BILL PASSES COMMITTEE

President Roosevelt's Lease and Lend Bill to aid the Democracies was yesterday approved by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives.

Earlier the Committee was reported to have rejected an amendment placing a limit of \$2,000,000 on the Lease and Lend proposals.—Reuter.

BRITISH OVERSEAS TRADE

A return of British overseas trade in December shows imports of £73,574,85 as compared with £2,930,436 in November and £86,584,859 in December 1939.

Exports were £24,397,058 against £21,666,181 in November and £40,168,628 in the previous December.

Re-exports were £63,168 as compared with £723,241 in November and £2,501,577 in December, 1939.

Total imports for 1940 reached £1,099,868,877—the highest in more than ten years, being nearly 70,000,000 higher than the previous peak year in that period—37.

The exports total for 1940 is the best at £413,084,205 since 1934. British Wireless.

INDUSTRY IN INDIA

The Secretary of State for India in the Commons yesterday he said, "I would gladly ask the authorities in India to give such attention as may be possible in the circumstances to the important suggestion in question that, in view of the great expansion in the Indian manufacturing industry, which is likely to take place during the war and of the desirability of finding a location of industries in India which will as far as possible avoid the creation of unwieldy urban concentrations and permit

Afterwards Mr. Willkie and the landlord toasted each other in a bottle of champagne which the landlord had been keeping for armistice day "but you are as good as an armistice day to us."

Mr. Willkie signed his autograph many times before leaving for lunch at Claridge's with the Lord Chancellor, Lord Simon, who afterwards conducted Mr. Willkie on a tour of the bombed Temple.

Mr. Willkie shook his head when he saw the ruins of the historic Middle Temple Hall and the damaged Inner Temple Library and Hall and said: "It seems unbelievable. This destruction is all so utterly useless from the point of view of Germany's war effort."

Call At Admiralty

Accepting a glass of brandy from the famous cellars, which were untouched by the raids, Mr. Willkie toasted the "restoration of the Temple!"

Later Mr. Willkie called at the Admiralty where he saw the First Lord, Mr. A. V. Alexander, and was shown the famous map room during an air raid.

Afterwards Mr. Willkie said he saw Mr. Alexander for about half an hour, and also talked with other officials.

"We discussed the whole naval situation and things that are most needed. Everyone talked to me with complete candour and the visit was very instructive."

English Justice

Speaking of his lunch with Lord Simon, Mr. Willkie said they talked about the English courts system and the way justice was functioning under war conditions.

"I had the impression that English courts were still open and free and operating under old-established rules modified only by war regulations."—Reuter.

WANG MAN KILLED

Chi Hsiang-thing, manager of the Hui Yuan Native Bank in Ningpo Road in the International Settlement, Shanghai, was fired upon by two gunmen yesterday morning when he was leaving his residence in Rue Kraetzer in the French Concession. He received two bullet wounds in the head and succumbed instantly. Both gunmen escaped after the shooting.

It is said that Chi served concurrently as an expert of the Central Reserve Bank organised by the Wang Ching-wei regime.—Central News.

ARMED RAID IN TERRITORIES

Six men armed with revolvers and daggers raided a village hut in Pat Heung Village, Au Tau, New Territories, last night. They escaped afterwards with over \$200 in money and articles of industrial workers continuing to live in rural areas, he would request the Government of India and Provincial Governments in India to give special attention to the location of new factories in consultation with unofficial Indian representatives.—British Wireless.



INDIAN SOLDIERS LUNCH TIME "POW WOW":—Indian soldiers in London entertain each other and onlookers during their lunch break. Photo shows a tin hatted Indian soldier doing the native dance to the music of the "tom tom" and clapping of hands. (Fox, Copyright).

SUCCESSOR TO MR. LINDSELL

The appointment of Mr. Paul Ewart Francis Cressall as Puisne Judge, succeeding the late Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, has been announced.

Leave for Mr. Cressall to South Africa en route for Hong Kong is under consideration.

Mr. Cressall is one of the four British Presidents of the District Court, Palestine.

Born in 1893, Mr. Cressall was educated at Cranleigh School and entered the civil service in 1911 when he was posted to British Guiana and attached to the Police. On the outbreak of the war he was a lieutenant in the British Guiana Militia Infantry and served as captain with the British West Indies Regiment in East Africa and Palestine from 1916 to 1919, being awarded the Military Cross.

Returning to British Guiana after the hostilities he was again attached to the Police and, passing his final law examination in 1921 was called to the bar at Gray's Inn in 1923. After various positions in the police and judicial departments of the Colony, he eventually rose to be chief stipendiary magistrate, in which post he acted as chairman of several Royal Commissions.

Mr. Cressall went to Palestine as senior British Magistrate in 1931 and was appointed to the District Court in 1933.

LOOTERS HOLD UP RESCUERS

While Home Guard and A.R.P. men were rescuing people buried at night beneath a bomb-wrecked public-house in London, a gang of four men looted other premises nearby.

Home Guards had to stop rescue work to prevent further thefts.

Occupants of one damaged house returned home from a public shelter to discover that clothing kept in their Anderson shelter was missing.

"I left a new coat in the shelter and it had gone when I returned home," Miss Isabella Matt told a reporter. "An old age pensioner lived with us, and he is greatly upset because a shirt he had just bought has also been stolen."

Four men were seen near a provision shop, the door of which had been broken. A Home Guard guarded it all night.

AINTREE CLASSIC ABANDONED

THE WORLD-RENNED STEEPECHASE, THE GRAND NATIONAL, WILL NOT BE RUN THIS YEAR AND PROBABLY NOT AGAIN UNTIL AFTER THE WAR.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Home Secretary, told the Commons yesterday he had considered a proposal to hold a substitute Grand National at Cheltenham, instead of the normal venue at Aintree, but reached the conclusion that this fixture was undesirable.—Reuter.

A.R.P. AGAINST BABY-KILLERS

An air-raid shelter is to be built for children only in a district of the Forest of Dean, where, so far, air raids are unknown.

The shelter it is believed, is the first of its kind to be planned in the country.

It is to be built by the West Dean Civil Defence Committee because of the fear that children at a local recreation ground, which is some distance from the nearest houses, may be machine-gunned by the Nazis.

The county architect and the Regional Commissioner are now being consulted on the matter.

HONG KONG MAIL-LOST

The Postmaster-General announces that letters by surface route for the United Kingdom, via the United States, posted in Hong Kong about October 27 and 28 and November 1 and 2 have been lost through enemy action.

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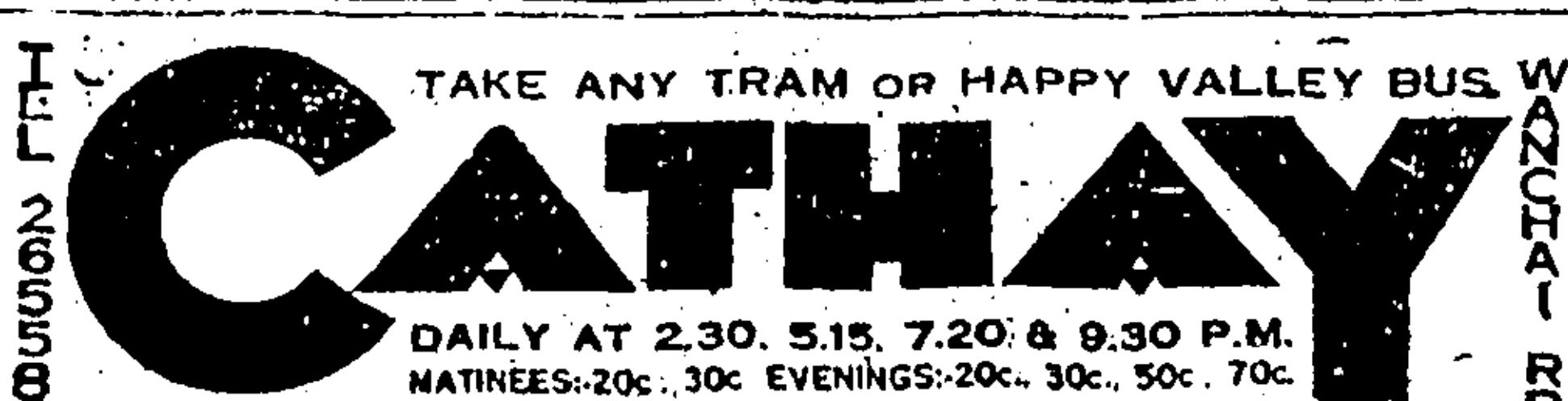
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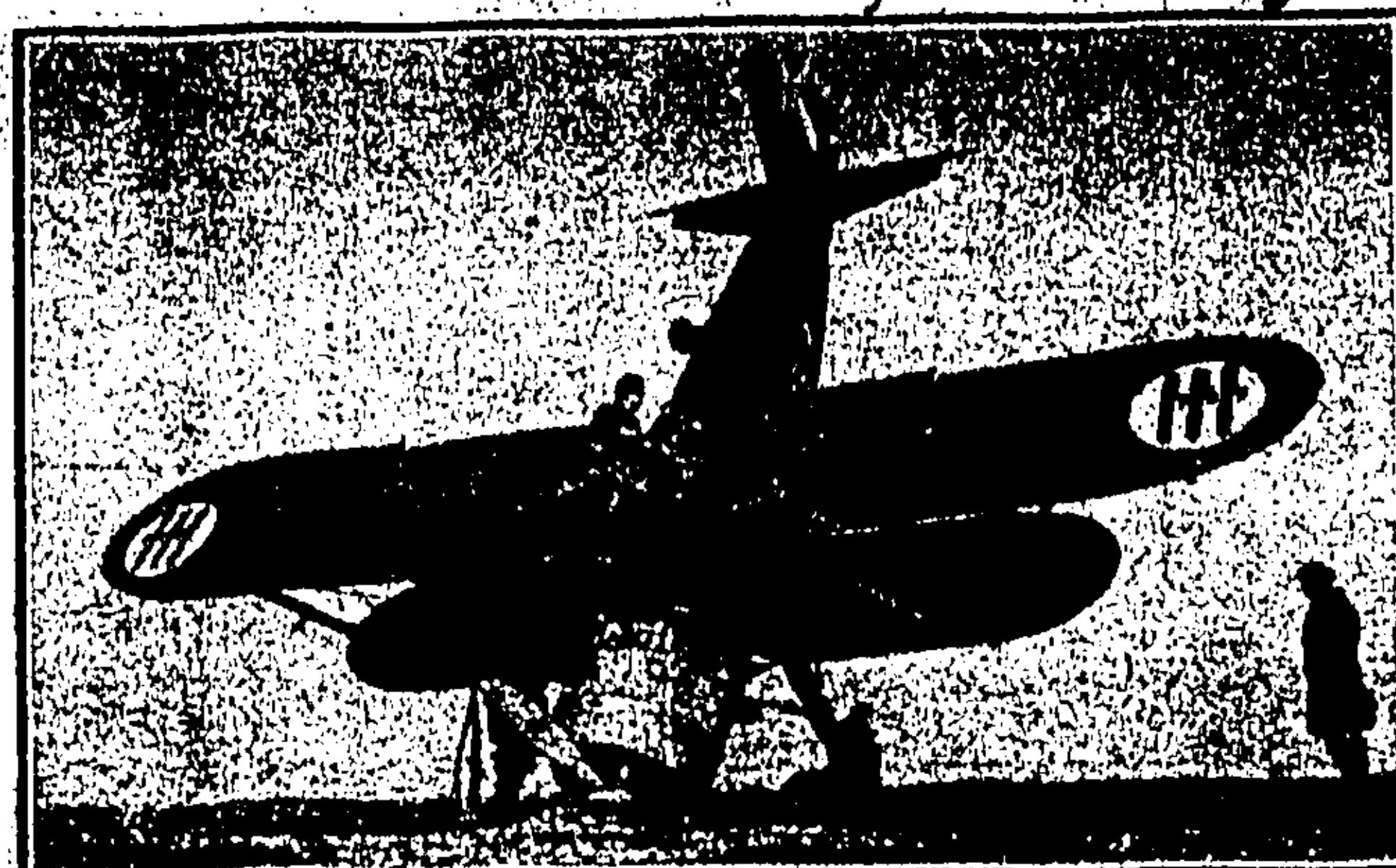
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A WOP FIGHTER COMES TO EARTH—Judging by this picture of an Italian fighter plane that came to grief at Orford, Suffolk, the pilot was evidently in a great hurry to come to earth when the R.A.F. arrived on the scene. This was one of the thirteen wop planes which came to grief on their first raid on Britain. (Fox, Copyright).

Those Italian Stories

The Yugoslav Government has taken action against two American journalists in Belgrade, correspondents of the "New York Times" and the Columbia Broadcasting System.

Reason is their allegedly initiating reports of disorders in Turin, Verona and Milan, according to the Belgrade correspondent of the Italian news agency in a message to Rome.

Both men have been forbidden to use the telephone for a week and the Columbia correspondent has been forbidden to use the Belgrade broadcasting station or broadcasts to the United States for three weeks.—Reuter.

FAKIR IN PAY OF THE NAZIS

THE FAKIR OF IPI, WHOSE TURBULENT ACTIVITIES ON THE NORTH-WEST FRONTIER OF INDIA MADE HIM A NOTORIOUS FIGURE, IS NOW MAKING CONTACT WITH ENEMY INFLUENCES IN AFGHANISTAN, ACCORDING TO REPORTS REACHING NEW DELHI YESTERDAY.

It is learned that German propaganda influences in Afghanistan, where there is a considerable German colony, are becoming noticeable.

A large number of pamphlets are being circulated in various parts of the country and are filtering into tribal areas adjoining the British Indian frontier. — Reuter.

ANGLO-U.S. CONTACT ON FAR EAST

SIR J. S. WARDLAW-MILNE ASKED IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY WHETHER THE UNDER-FOREIGN SECRETARY COULD GIVE AN ASSURANCE THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, IN ALL MATTERS AFFECTING RELATIONS WITH CHINA AND JAPAN, ARE WORKING IN CLOSE CO-OPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

Mr. R. A. Butler replied: "As has been made clear on more than one occasion in the past, the Government maintains contact with the United States Government in all matters of common interest, and that remains our policy." — Reuter.

Raiders Go For Balloons

London experienced another day of intermittent air raid alerts following Wednesday night's fire-bomb attack which again was defeated by civilians.

German aircraft, working singly, dropped bombs in the London area and in parts of south-east England and east Anglia.

Some houses and shops were damaged but the number of casualties so far reported is small. German fighters reverted to their pastime of last summer of shooting at barrage balloons.

Thick fog and low clouds above, which the balloons floated obscured the raiders from the A.A. defences but they were given a hot reception.

One German plane was destroyed by fighters in the afternoon over Essex.—Reuter.

REGISTRY WEDDING

The wedding took place to-day at the Registry of Mr. Mui Chan-ted, merchant, of No. 303, Des Voeux Road, and Miss Dolores Nip, of No. 3, Village Road.



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Braining Up Father



BOMB PROCESSION CHEERED BY A HIDDEN CROWD

Helen Kirkpatrick, London correspondent of the "Chicago Daily News," sent the following cable to her paper on a different kind of procession from those seen by newspaper correspondents in European capitals in peace-time:

At first when the manager of a famous London hotel approached tables of lunchers with the news, everyone, from the Chief Whip, Capt. Margesson, to lowly correspondents, looked startled.

"What do you mean?" - the police have ordered everyone out of the hotel during the procession?"

"That's the order," said the manager, spreading his hands in deprecating fashion. "Actually the police said that everyone must go 20 yards from the street for the procession, but I'd advise 3,000 yards."

In good order the guests paid their bills and left by the back door, not, as might be thought, in fear of what first seemed the Gestapo-like activities of the British police, but in genuine respect for a procession which was to pass down a famous London thoroughfare on the stroke of three.

Peeping out behind a solid stone building a good 30 yards from the street, we watched the mysterious procession passing.

Slowly from unseen crowds equally well hidden behind buildings all along the street came

BATTLE AT A.R.P. CENTRE

How a crowd of 200 people, led by a girl of 21, forced the gates of the Stepney A.R.P. Control Centre in an attempt to see Captain Beaumont, the A.R.P. Controller, was told at Old Street.

Five people were further remanded on bail, charged with contravening the Public Order Act by using insulting behaviour.

They were Simon Levy (37), Anthony Street, Stepney; Simon Herschenal (24), Plough Street, Stepney; Michael Myer Neidle, (29), Beaumont Square, Mile End; Ivan Seruya (27), Christian Street, Stepney; and Alice Kirson (21), Christian Street, E.

Rushed Gates

Alice Kirson was further charged with assaulting a War Reserve constable and Neidle and Seruya with having obstructed a police sergeant.

Pleas of "Not guilty" to all charges were entered.

For the prosecution, it was alleged that on the afternoon of October 20 War Reserve Police-constable Fuller, on duty at the gates of the Control Centre, saw a number of people coming, and closed the gates.

Miss Kirson, who was leading, demanded to see Captain Beaumont and he asked her to wait.

Instead, she shouted, "We are going inside to see the—" and struck him.

She shouted to the crowd to rush the gates, and they did so. After A.R.P. workers tried to stop the crowd, and fights occurred, police were ordered to clear the yard when an alert sounded.

The defendants were then alleged to have shouted such remarks as "Come on, let's get at the yellow—," and encouraged the crowd to attack the police.

It was said that Herschenal unsuccessfully tried to attack Sergeant Cocks, and that Kirson referred to the police as "Yellow Fascist—," and called on the people to "Have a go."

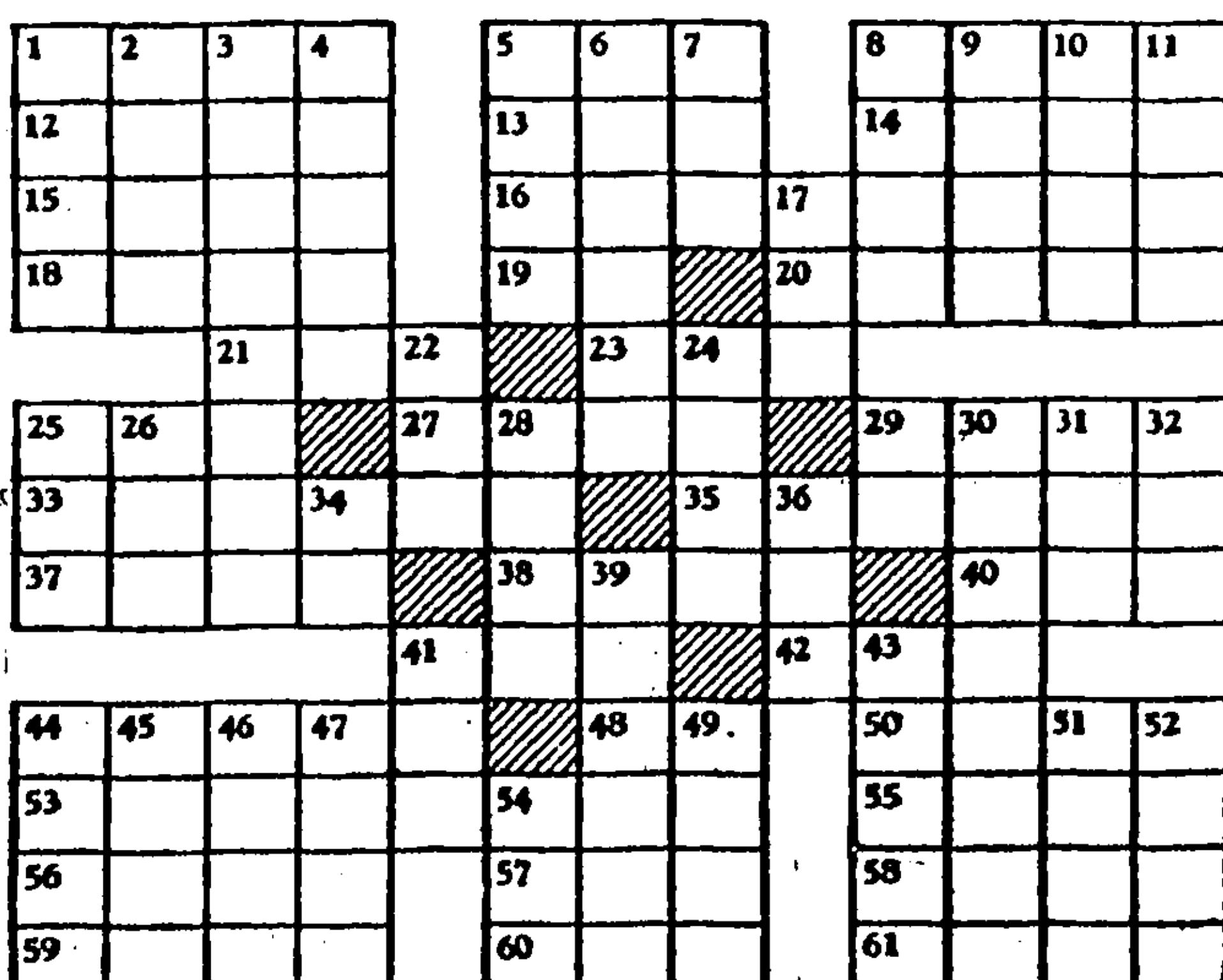
When she was arrested by that officer, Seruya jumped on his back. Sergeant Cooper then took hold of the girl, and Neidle tried to trip him up.

Entitled To See Him

Counsel added that the people apparently wanted to see the A.R.P. Controller in connection with an air-raid shelter. And he was not suggesting that they were not entitled to see him. But they tried to force their way into a place where obviously there ought not to be any disorder, particularly during air raid warnings.

P. C. Fuller, cross-examined, denied that he saw the police with their batons out, and that they hustled the crowd out very roughly.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- Vertical pole
- Resort
- Gamin
- Ancient musical instrument
- Swiss canton
- Booth
- Colloquial: to vex
- Lemon-coloured
- Molten rock
- Pronoun
- Group of eight
- Dutch commune
- Pig-pen
- Woodland deity
- Opening for passage
- Ancient Egyptian alloy
- To fix firmly
- Impact
- Yucatan Indian
- Small particle
- Wager
- To wander
- To jostle
- Ascended
- Latin conjunction

VERTICAL

- British island in the Pacific
- Lethargic
- Aerie
- Dash
- Man's name
- Solar disc
- Withered
- Scotch cap
- Constellation
- Poetic: the earth
- Continent
- State of being able to pay all legal debts
- To step
- Similar
- Ecclesiastic
- Fish sauce
- Origin
- Chills and fever
- To over-power
- Masculine personal name
- The self
- Trial
- Khavie of clubs
- Literary scraps
- Solo
- Land measure
- Gravity
- To piece Convened
- Exclamation
- Persian diadem
- City in the Ukraine
- To acquire
- Year's record
- Aviators
- Part
- Persian poet
- Normal
- Squad
- Employer
- Sicilian volcano
- Cereal grass

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

BAKE	KID	SKATE
TRAIN	HOE	HALO
ATE	DANE	INTO
SLIVER	MIN	
	ALTO	STAR
	PASTEUR	MORAL
EPIC	MAS	ONE
SABOT	THYROID	
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LOOTED BOMBED CATHEDRAL

Edward Wilfred Chrich, aged twenty-eight, engineer, of Loughborough, was sentenced at Coventry to three months' hard labour for looting in the ruins of Coventry Cathedral.

He stole a church register for the year 1760.

When it was stated that Chrich visited Coventry on a cycling tour, the magistrate strongly condemned such visits.

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MIDLANDS RALLIED TO AID COVENTRY

(By RITCHIE CALDER)

THE WHOLE OF the Midlands has been organised to help the people of the Stricken City of Coventry. I have seen to-day the efforts which are being made. What has impressed me most is the way in which the authorities are applying, under difficulties, the lesson of London.

The bomb devastation, by its very concentration, is worse than anything I have found — even in London. The death roll was stated to exceed 250.

I have been out along the road over which people trekked with their baggage away from the ruins of their homes.

And I have met them coming back — men mostly, on their way back to work, but also lots of women going to salvage what they can of their homes.

These incredible women of Coventry climbed over ruins to the fragments of their houses. In the kitchens, among all the debris, they contrived to cook their husbands' meals. And in the evening they went back to the rest centres in the country, where their families were being cared for.

Soup Kitchens

Those who came from parts of the city were barred off by cordons to-day from their homes because the blasting of dangerous structures was going on.

Hundreds of thousands of loaves have been sent in from surrounding cities and districts.

Mobile canteens at the street corners provided mid-day meals. Soup kitchens were opened.

Wrecked public-houses were open and doing bolsterous trade, though each customer had to bring his own glass.

Since the middle of the night of the raid, while the bombs were still dropping regional authorities have been in the district trying to prevent a breakdown of social services.

Miss Florence Horsbrugh, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health, came down with a staff from London to supervise the arrangements for dealing with the homeless and to organise the removal of casualties and hospital cases.

Flying Squad

Ministry of Health inspectors over a wide area received an SOS telling them to abandon all work and to make for Coventry. Those who had cars brought others, and they formed a flying squad which linked up and organised the shattered organisation in Coventry.

There had been 14 rest centres in Coventry. After the bombing only four were fit to function.

Since then some of the others have been restored.

Nevertheless, by an urgent summons in the early hours of Friday, centres in Warwickshire, Northamptonshire and Leicestershire were called on to throw open their doors and receive the homeless of Coventry.

A large service of buses was concentrated on Coventry, but the tremendous difficulty was to get the transport near the scenes of the devastation.

Marshals, under the direction of Ministry of Health officials, went through the district with Ministry of Information vans, helping as far as possible, telling the people where to go.

Sleeping Out

It is true that hundreds slept in the open throughout the first night, and, indeed, many of them slept again the following night and last night.

Miss Florence Horsbrugh assured me that there was no need whatever for anyone to sleep out. They had search parties and marshals patrolling every road out of Coventry and well into the country, telling people where they could find shelter and food.

As I came along the road I saw large numbers of cars and caravans parked in fields where people had spent the night.

But I found also, over a very wide area on all the many roads which radiate out of Coventry, an elaborate system of rest centres. Every authority had responded to

the needs of the outraged city. I found, in the ballroom of a village hotel, several hundreds of people comfortably provided for in a well-heated atmosphere with abundant mattresses and blankets.

Soldiers Help

Here the local soldiers had come to the rescue as a spontaneous piece of cooperation.

In another centre in the same village I found meals being prepared for hundreds more in Army field kitchens. Gradually, the relief services of the Ministry of Health, of the region of the local authority, and of all the voluntary services, had collected the homeless and moved them out rapidly as far as possible from the bombed city.

The people went reluctantly in many cases, because their husbands and working members of the family were prepared to stay on and work in Coventry.

Gently Done

But they were handled gently and tactfully and told by the officials that they wanted them to go away for a few days rest to recover from the shock and while things were tidied up for them.

In the outlying rest centres they were then persuaded, as far as possible, to register for the evacuation scheme.

The hospital arrangements, I found, had been excellent.

Every hospital in Coventry had been evacuated of its chronic sick and ordinary patients, and even of the latest casualties, by noon on Saturday. Most of them had been cleared on Friday.

The Public Assistance institutions had been emptied and the old folk got away and spread over hospitals in safe areas.

Not a single hospital case, except casualties, spent the night in Coventry. This was done by means of a highly organised service of motor-coach ambulances.

Another comforting fact was that in spite of the bombing of hospitals in Coventry, not a single patient was killed.

Enough Food

Miss Horsbrugh paid a very high tribute to the transport authorities in Coventry, who, in spite of the catastrophe, had worked effectively night and day and helped to clear the people out.

One of the most difficult problems was food.

The head of the Voluntary Services in Coventry, Mrs. Hyde, was able to assure me that there was food for everyone left in the city, and that the supplies of hot meals were freely available.

One thing which cheered me immensely after the experiences of the early days in London was the tremendously effective work being done by the mobile canteens, not only of the Ministry of Food, but of the Salvation Army, the Y.M.C.A., the American Red Cross and the Women's Voluntary Services.

At one rest centre I saw a young mother with a baby only a few months old. She had lived in one of the heavily bombed areas in London. Her husband had found work in Coventry and she had only lately come there.

Mother's Wish

She set up her new home, and when the Nazis struck early on Thursday evening she found it impossible to get to a shelter and took refuge in the coal cellar.

Her house was struck and she had to be pulled out of the wreck.

MAN ON SABOTAGE CHARGE

Charged at a Midlands Court with placing a piece of burning rag in a certain apparatus at a factory used for essential services, with the object of impeding work, Arthur Edward Harris, thirty, a turner, was remanded in custody.

Police stated that when charged Harris said, "I did it for a joke. I had no thought of damaging the machine."

The magistrates refused an application for bail on the ground that the charge was too serious.

age. Through the bombs, with her tiny baby, she had to find her way to a shelter.

In the morning she started to walk with her child, with the help of her husband, to a safer district. She had been picked up and taken to a rest centre.

Her only remark to me was, "When do you think I can go back to Coventry? I want to get my home going again."

Of course, I told her that the best thing she could do for herself and her baby and in fairness to her husband was to find billets in a safe district.

Still Cheerful

Old women, with homes they had married into, and in which they had seen their families grow up, and which represented a lifetime of work and care, in ruins, were remarkably cheerful.

In the heart of the bombed area I found a young woman tying up a few sticks of furniture which were left on a perambulator.

She said she had moved into a new home a week ago. She had only just got straight when she was bombed out.

She was going to find shelter in a street which was as badly bombed as her own home.

"The roof is off," she said, "but the kitchen ceiling is holding, and we'll make do with that."

She would not leave the city because she had a job to go to.

"We must look on the bright side of things," she said as she left the pile of bricks which had been her home.

That spirit is true of the people of Coventry.

In the middle of the ruins a woman was scrubbing and pipe-claying her front doorstep. The windows were out, the door was off its hinges, the roof was gaping, but she was still "house proud."

In another street a model representing "Peeping Tom," the historic figure of Coventry who peeped out at Lady Godiva, was wearing a jaunty steel helmet as well as his usual leer.

Throughout the day people were still moving out with their baggage, but the workers were coming back.

Worst Sufferers

Part of Coventry has been destroyed beyond redemption.

The heaviest sufferers have again been the working-class houses.

Miss Horsbrugh held a conference of billeting officers from the various local authorities, to begin at once the job of accommodating the large numbers rendered homeless, to commandeer houses where necessary, and, above all, to secure the full co-operation of all authorities throughout the Midlands region.

At least the pretence is now being made here that Coventry can house its homeless.

Before the bombing it was a densely crowded city, with a population increased by the large numbers of industrial workers who have been moved into the district.

No one can pretend that all the arrangements have worked satisfactorily.

In view of the havoc which has been wrought, the devastation caused, and the effects of the bombing on the city's internal organisations for the homeless, that would be expecting almost too much.

CHINA MAIL
WINDSOR HOUSE

THERE IS A PURPLE ON

"I knew there was a purple on, so I didn't hurry for my train." One finds this illustrative sentence in a brief—a much too brief—glossary of war slang supplied by "News From the Outpost," a news letter issued by Americans in Great Britain. It seems that a "purple" is a preliminary warning of the enemy's approach, and, since trains run at only fifteen miles an hour during raids, it eliminates a commuter's need for haste. Apparently war slang is still too small a thing to get much into the cables, yet in this one word and the explanatory sentence there is packed more vivid information about the morale of the British, the nature of air raids and the social impact of modern war than could be put into a column of the best reporting. A "red" is the succeeding stage in the attack, when the sirens are actually sounded. The noun "yellow" is already obsolete; it referred to the situation when enemy planes were known to be over some other part of the country. "This state," says the glossary, "is now perpetual," so there are no more yellows.

A modern historian of ancient Rome would give his soul for one such fragment of the argot that was actually talked in the legionary camps, the fora or the thermae of the empire—if, that is, he were able to interpret it. What would a historian of a thousand years hence make out of this scrap of the vocabulary of totalitarian war? He might understand how "blitz" should be a "term of endearment for the evening raid"—as in the expression "I left early to get home before the blitz." What would he do with "de-quise," even when told that this meant to disable one's automobile in order to prevent its use by "fifth columnists?" Only if some fragmentary record still preserved the name of Quisling would he have a clue. But the richest find, if he could decipher it, would be "abris wallah"—"term used by retired Anglo-Indian air-raid wardens for those faint-hearted enough to take cover."

"Abris, wallah"—monstrous yet heroically humorous compound, offspring of the first World War in France and memories of Indian empire, joining in supreme contempt for Hitler's bombs

Striking Power Of Britain's Fleet Air Arm

So many successes can now be laid to its credit in the present war that the Fleet Air Arm may be said to have justified every claim that has been made for it, and to have answered those naval authorities who may once have been critical of this branch of the Service.

It is only poetic justice that the Italian navy should have been hit so hard from the air at Taranto and its other important bases unremittedly assaulted.

Before hostilities began it was a frequent boast in Italy that her daring airmen might be relied upon to wreck British warships by relentless attacks, which they were prepared to carry to the utmost lengths. One favourite assertion was that, if necessary, there would not be lacking men who would crash bombers on to the very decks of the enemy's warships, so that there might be no question of missing.

Whether such a desperate attempt has ever been made is doubtful; but it certainly has yet to succeed. With skilful use of the helm, a dive attack of this kind should be easily eluded.

Torpedo-Bombers

In the various attacks that have been made by Italian air formations on the ships of the British Mediterranean Fleet, success has been insignificant while toll has invariably been taken of the attacking planes. In fact, in war performance the Italian air force has lagged far behind that of this country.

Italian aircraft, it should be noted, invariably operate from shore bases, as it is the view of the Naval Staff in Rome that the situation of the peninsula renders the use of aircraft-carriers unnecessary. The torpedo-bombers which delivered such deadly blows at Taranto are understood to have come from the aircraft-carriers Illustrious and Eagle.

The Illustrious is a new ship, recently delivered from the Vickers-Armstrong shipyard at Barrow-in-Furness. She has a displacement of 23,000 tons, a speed of over 30 knots and an armament of 16 4.5-inch dual purpose guns, capable of being used with equal effect against either surface ves-

sels or aircraft. How many planes she can carry has not been stated, but H.M.S. Ark Royal, which is a 22,000-ton ship of slightly earlier design, can operate 60.

Without A Funnel

H.M.S. Eagle is a much older ship which has had an unusual history. Laid down on the Tyne in 1913 as the Chilean battleship Almirante Cochrane, she was redesigned by Sir Eustace Tennyson-d'Eyncourt for service as an aircraft-carrier. Completed as such in April, 1920, she had only

one funnel and no masts. After a series of experiments it was decided that drastic alterations were required, and she underwent sundry modifications at Portsmouth Dockyard during the ensuing three years.

She was finally completed in 1924, when she assumed her present appearance, with an island superstructure towering above her flight deck and carrying two squat funnels and two masts. She has a displacement of 22,600 tons, a speed of 24 knots and an armament of nine 6-inch guns, supplemented by four 4-inch anti-aircraft pieces. Her official complement of aircraft is 21. From first to last she cost the country £4,617,636, including the original purchase price of £1,334,358.

Another aircraft-carrier of early design is H.M.S. Furious, which did excellent work during the Norwegian campaign, faring better than the unfortunate Glorious. The Furious is remarkable in that she has no funnel, smoke being discharged from vents at the after end of the hangar, or alternatively through apertures in the flight deck.

This method was inaugurated in our first aircraft-carrier, the Argus, now relegated to training duties as a "Queen Bee" tender. A Queen Bee, it should be ex-

plained, is a crewless aeroplane, controlled and operated entirely by wireless, which can be used to great advantage for anti-aircraft training at sea.

Due This Year

H.M.S. Hermes was our first aircraft-carrier to be designed for this purpose, previous ones having been conversions from other types. Of 10,850 tons, she has a speed of 25 knots and an armament of nine 3.5-inch guns, with three 1-inch A.A. guns. Only 15 planes are normally carried. This was the ship which last July carried out the bombing attack on the French battleship Richelieu at Dakar, following her disablement by depth charges dropped alongside her from a motor boat.

Until the completion in 1938 of the Ark Royal, our most modern aircraft-carriers were the sister ships Courageous and Glorious, both of which have unfortunately fallen victims to the chances of war. They were ships of 22,500 tons, converted into aircraft-carriers during 1924-30. Altogether they cost more than £4,000,000 each. It was experience with these ships that governed the designs of the Ark Royal and Illustrious.

From the foregoing it will be apparent that there are in service to-day at least five aircraft-carriers. Probably the total is actually greater, since three sister ships of the Illustrious—the Victorious, Formidable and Indomitable—have been due for completion in 1940.

Planes Over Norway

Our enemies can offer very little to compare with this, though the Germans are believed to have completed their first aircraft-carrier, the Graf Zeppelin, this year. She is a ship of 19,250 tons, with a reputed speed of 32 knots and armament of 16 5.9in and 10 4.1in (A.A.) guns. It is rumoured that she can carry 40 planes. A second ship of this type is well advanced and may be ready soon.

Of the strategical value of a force of aircraft-carriers such as the Royal Navy possesses there can be no question. Not only does it enormously extend the

area over which observation can be effected, as was proved when the Ark Royal accompanied the battle cruiser Renown into the South Atlantic during the hunt for the Graf Spee, but it enables an admiral to produce a striking force of torpedo-bombers at the point desired without the enemy receiving previous warning, as has been seen in the onslaughts at Taranto and Cagliari.

In the Norwegian campaign the Fleet Air Arm played an important part. Except for one force of bombers which had a regrettably short life, the Royal Air Force was not then in a position to contribute many machines, so the Fleet Air Arm was kept busy. During April the aircraft from the Furious carried out almost continuous 24-hourly operations, including a torpedo attack on enemy ships at Trondheim and attacks in cooperation with H.M.S. Warspite and destroyers in the Narvik area.

Later the Ark Royal and Glorious arrived off the coast and remained there during the evacuation. There aircraft were incessantly engaged in one enterprise or another, including the bombing of the enemy-occupied aerodrome at Varennes and attacks on shipping and seaplanes at Trondheim. Fighter patrols worked hard during the later stages of the operations, especially during the evacuations from Namsos, Andalsnes and Narvik, and in protecting troop transports.

Other duties which had to be undertaken were photographic reconnaissances, anti-submarine and other patrols, and the transport by the Furious and Glorious of three R.A.F. fighter squadrons which were flown off to improvised aerodromes in the north of Norway.

Other Successes

At times the aircraft-carriers were employed for as long as six days without a pause in almost continuous night-and-day flying operations from positions approximately 90 miles from the Norwegian coast. Although subjected to bombing attacks on more than one occasion, they suffered no damage from this cause. In spite of being outclassed in speed, the F.A.A. fighters succeeded in shooting down or seriously damaging 34 German aircraft. In the final operations 15 Skuas from the Ark Royal attacked the Scharnhorst at Trondheim, obtaining at least two hits with their bombs. Unfortunately, under the conditions then prevailing, surprise could not be achieved, and heavy losses were incurred from intense A.A. fire and enemy fighters.

In the Mediterranean, F.A.A. operations began on June 14, with a night bombing attack on Genoa by a squadron operating from Hyeres, in the south of France. This squadron subsequently reached North Africa, whence part was flown to the Ark Royal.

Aircraft from the Eagle have delivered torpedo attacks against units of the Italian fleet at sea, and upon enemy ships at Tobruk and Augusta. These attacks have accounted for the destruction or disablement of the Italian cruiser San Giorgio, set on fire and driven ashore at Tobruk, as well as for three destroyers, at least one submarine and a number of transports and supply ships.

Action At Oran

In July the Ark Royal was employed during the attack on the French forces at Oran, in which her aircraft obtained at least six bomb or torpedo hits on the Dunkerque, and two or three bomb hits followed by one if not two torpedo hits on the Strasbourg during her passage to Toulon. It was only a few days after this, as already related, that aircraft from the Hermes were attacking the Richelieu, and bomb if not torpedo hits were made.

In other operations in the Mediterranean F.A.A. fighters have shot down or damaged a large number of Italian aircraft.

In view of the recent date at which the Admiralty assumed full control of the force, and the rapid rate at which expansion has had to proceed, it will be agreed that the Fleet Air Arm has indeed done well. I have touched upon only a few of its exploits, but it may safely be predicted that the force has a future before it which will yield laurels at least as glorious as those already won.

They Show Me How To Fly A Spitfire . . .

To see exactly how they make fighter pilots in the Air Force, I have become, by permission of the Canadian Air Ministry, a pupil for a day at the Empire Air Scheme advanced training school.

Only a few weeks ago I saw our fighter pilots diving and rolling over London attacking Messerschmidts.

Here, standing waiting for me on the flying ground, is a man who has spent years training pilots at a famous flying school in England.

The instructor eyed me carefully.

"Ever piloted a plane?" he asked.

"No," I said. "The important part of a fighter pilot's training is aerobatics," he said. "It teaches you to be nippy in the air."

I said the questions everybody was asking as the air attacks on Britain were intensified were, How do the fighter pilots get hardened to flinging themselves about? What is the secret of their brilliance?

"You will understand after the

flight we are going to make," the instructor told me.

Above the roar of the machine I could hear the instructor's voice perfectly in the headphones.

We had to queue up to take off. We shot up high above the aerodrome.

"Feel all right?" asked the instructor. "O.K. We will now do a loop."

The plane somersaulted at terrific speed, and I saw a bit of Ottawa blot out the pale blue Canadian sky and a bit of wing mixed up in the picture. I felt

myself hanging by straps. Then we flattened out again. The instructor glanced at me through the mirror.

"Feel all right?" he repeated. "O.K. We will now fly on our backs."

We spun over and went along up-side down for a few hundred yards.

"Now, if you feel O.K., we will do a roll off the top."

We looped again, then instead of flattening out at once, began spiralling down at terrific speed. I felt a terrific dragging at my cheeks, my head throbbed, and I got a sort of hang-over feeling in the stomach.

We flattened out again. My head felt hot as if all the blood had rushed to it.

He saw me in the mirror mopping my brow and said, "Perhaps we'd better fly along and take a look at the scenery for a while."

"One of the big objects of this aerobatics stuff is that it tests

whether a man would be capable of handling controls in emergencies," continued the instructor.

We did some more stunts, steep turns, banking, flying in and out of clouds. I was beginning to get used to it.

I began to release my grip on the cockpit sides, sit back and relax.

The came a voice in the phone.

"Of course, Spifires and Hurricanes move much faster than this."

We finished up the lesson with a bombing dive and flew over a nearby lake.

"See that white buoy floating down there?" asked the instructor. "That's the bombing target."

We shot up higher, poised like a hawk, then plunged from five thousand feet straight down, reaching a speed of three hundred miles an hour. There was again that pulling feeling on the cheeks, and head throbs.

"The plane is now said to be 'mushing,'" said the instructor. "In other words it is falling faster than the engine could move it."

"One thousand feet . . . two thousand feet . . . we roared down."

"At this second I would have dropped my bomb," said the instructor.

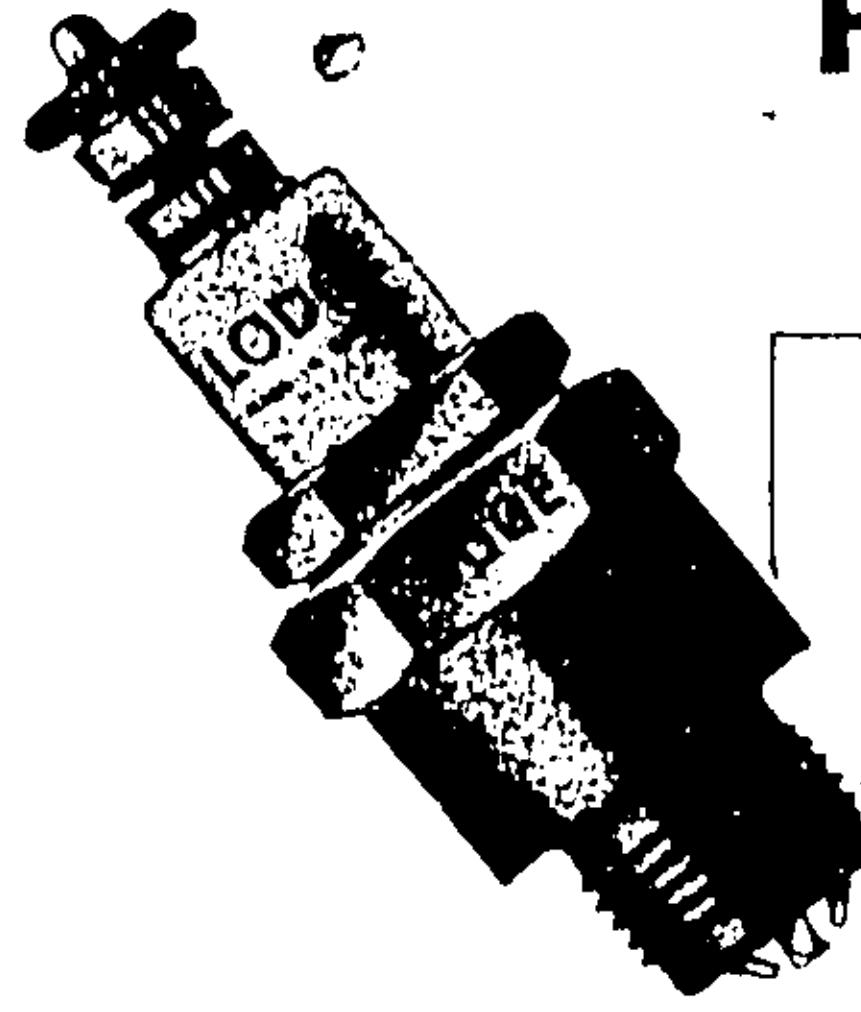
The machine, by now, was skimming upwards again.

"That is how planes bomb Berlin," explained the instructor.

We landed and, to my astonishment, I was able to have luncheon. Long before I had finished, the instructor excused himself and went off to make a flight with more pupils. He does this day and night.

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BRITISH ADVANCING IN MORE FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS

WITH THE CAPTURE of Derna the British and Imperial forces enter an area which is said to have the best climate in all Africa. From Bomba, where the Italians had a seaplane base which they evacuated some days ago, the country starts to change from barren rock and sandy waste to rolling hills on which deep grass grows in Spring, and the town of Derna itself is surrounded by gardens and orchards.

Water is more plentiful than at any place on the route taken by General Wavell's victorious army, a feature which is of the greatest importance in the further advance on Benghazi.

On other African fronts, which can no longer be regarded as separate from the Libyan operations, British and Imperial forces continue satisfactory operation, designed to destroy Italian influence in Eastern Africa.

In Eritrea the objective is Agordat, where the railway runs up to Asmara and then on to port of Massawa.

As far as Agordat the country is flat but there is a steep rise up to Asmara which is seven thousand feet above sea level.

Classic Example

Far away to the south, with all Ethiopia between, patrol activities continue across the frontier of Italian Somaliland.

Remembering similar apparently small unimportant operations which resulted in the Italian evacuation of Kassala and described by competent military observers as a classic example of how the brilliant use of a small force can cause what in effect was a major defeat of far larger forces, these operations must be viewed in proper perspective.

In the intervening country in Abyssinia the Italians, after being forced out of Gallabat, have been kept engaged at Metemma while patrols are now operating vigorously east of this point. Danger to the Italian troops does not only come from the invading forces. In Abyssinia patriots are rallying to their own Emperor and the Italians are faced with that most difficult of all problems—the active hostility of a brave and resourceful race amongst whom their troops are living.—British Wireless.

EMIR SENDS HIS CONGRATULATIONS

The Emir Abdullah of Transjordan has sent a message to the High Commissioner of Palestine and Transjordan: "With a heart overfilled with joy and pride I request you to accept and convey to the British Government my congratulations on the successive victories which have been gained in Libya coupled with my wishes for immediate and final victory by the will and help of God."

The Colonial Secretary has replied thanking His Highness and saying: "I deeply appreciate Your Highness's sentiments of joy and pride in the success of our common cause and share with you the hope for final victory to which we confidently look forward."—British Wireless.

CHINA WAR EXPENSES

An extraordinary military budget of 1,000,000,000 yen, covering China War expenses in February and March, was passed by the Diet in Tokyo without amendment within a week of its introduction.

Present indications prevailing in both Houses show that the basic budget of 6,800,000,000 yen for the fiscal year 1941/42 will probably be passed on February 17, two weeks earlier than usual.—Reuter.

CORSETS WILL BE FEWER

"Corsets are luxuries," say the Board of Trade, and they have decreed that the supply shall be cut by half.

Makers have appealed to the Board to reconsider this decision, but in vain.

Apart from holding the view that these are luxury goods, the Board point out that at the normal rate of production 3,000 tons of steel are used every year in the making of corsets.

Mr. F. R. Burley, chairman of the export group of the trade, told a reporter: "The Board of Trade seem to be thinking of the old-fashioned stays which our grandmothers wore. Those weighed about 2lb., but the modern corset weighs less than 4oz."

Doctors' Advice

"There can be no complaint about silk being used, for very little is now being put into corsets."

"Apparently the Board do not realise that corsets are as necessary to most women as are shoes. Without them they would feel a loss of poise and self-confidence."

"There is another point. Doctors have advised women to wear their corsets when they go into their air-raid shelters at night, because the garments help to brace them against nervous shock."

The normal trade in home-produced corsets sold in Britain totals about £5,000,000 a year.

WAR DISCHARGE BADGE

A badge for officers and men invalided from the armed Forces on account of disability attributable to war service is being considered, states the Secretary for War, in a parliamentary written reply.

GIRL CHAINED AND PADLOCKED TO FLOOR

A 24-YEAR-OLD mentally defective woman was "chained like an animal in a cage," the Gateshead magistrates were told.

The girl's father, Harry Ephraim Bloch (54), said to be the owner of a considerable amount of property in Gateshead, and her brother-in-law, Chaim Samuel Lopian, a Jewish rabbi, both of Bewick Road, Gateshead, were each fined £20, with four guineas costs, for assaulting her by keeping her imprisoned in chains for six days.

Mr. D. G. Dodds, prosecuting, said the girl had been of unsound mind for some years and on occasions suffered from spasms of considerable violence.

Defendants, perhaps from complete ignorance, had prevented her from receiving proper hospital treatment and had preferred to keep her at home.

Mediaeval Echo

"It is an echo from the middle ages, when people with mental disorders were kept chained up," said Mr. Dodds.

"The idea of buying the chains seemed to have emanated from Lopian, who bought them. Staples were placed in the bedroom floor and the girl was padlocked to a chain about a yard long."

"I am sure the defendants did not realise how callous and cruel the treatment was, and that they were actuated more by fear of what she would do if she was free rather than by cruelty."

She Escaped

Mr. Dodds added that on November 2 the chains were re-

CURFEW FOR CHILDREN

A curfew at dusk for schoolchildren in large cities throughout the country was suggested at a meeting of Edinburgh Corporation. But the idea was put back for further consideration.

The city's Education Committee was told to consider what action could be taken to encourage parents to keep their children indoors after dark.

ITALIANS PUT UP FIGHT IN DERNA OPERATIONS

Majority Of Defenders Get Away

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent at G.H.Q. of the Middle East)

THE LITTLE FISHING PORT OF DERNA, WHICH FELL EXACTLY A WEEK AFTER TOBRUK, WAS TAKEN BY THE IMPERIAL FORCES FOLLOWING AN OPERATION WHICH LASTED TWO OR THREE DAYS. THIS CONSISTED OF A SERIES OF MINOR ACTIONS.

There was no zero hour as at Tobruk and Bardia. Instead, British and Australian troops first captured the outposts, then mopped up final resistance and drove out the Italian garrison.

SECRET NAZI FORTUNES

Vast Profits Out Of War

Messages reaching New York from neutral sources in Berlin show that though the Nazis' social policy and war and rearmament taxes have done much to level and "adjust" incomes, they have not apparently wiped out the chances of accumulating private fortunes.

In general there have been no spectacular profits during the war, but several classes have benefited. A remarkably candid survey obtained from official sources mentions four such general groups. It even refers to some of them by a phrase that can only be translated as "millionaires in secret." The survey describes these groups as:

- (1) Armament manufacturers whose profits are rigidly controlled but whose turnover has been vastly increased;
- (2) Smaller manufacturers and building contractors whose profits are less rigorously limited and whose benefits have flowed indirectly from the demand for heavy goods;
- (3) Merchants and manufacturers, not directly connected with war activities, who have been relieved from foreign competition as a result of the Nazi trade policy;
- (4) Owners of large agricultural estates, especially those devoted to wheat production.

The survey adds to these two other groups. One comprises business professional men who have been provided with additional opportunities through the elimination of Jewish competitors or who have been "enabled to purchase Jewish businesses under very favourable conditions."

Of the other the report says: "It cannot be denied that a large portion of Germany's new wealth owes its origin to inner political conditions."

"Hitler and his collaborators have placed a large number of their followers and party members in leading economic positions. As they neither reject the principle of private ownership nor of private incomes, they have no objection to these men earning lots of money."

The garrison was believed to have numbered 10,000, the majority of whom escaped.

Derna, nearly 100 miles further along the coast than Tobruk, is provided with a good water supply.

After the fall of Tobruk, British patrols continued their swift rush forward which took them to the region of Gazala, 40 miles west of Tobruk, within the next two days.

This advance was carried out despite harassing attacks by enemy aircraft on the British mechanised forces.

Italians Fight — For A Change

Although the Derna position was without deep dugouts or permanent defences, there is understood to have been more resistance from the Italians than in any previous battle along the coast.

The Italian artillery poured shells into the British positions.

As the advance continues the terrain is becoming increasingly difficult.

The British mechanised forces no longer have flat desert over which to advance and, owing to hills and ravines, they are forced to remain largely on roads.

Slower Advance

There are many points between Derna and Benghazi where a determined enemy would be able to make a stand if it desired.

It may thus be expected that the rate of the British advance will slow down. — Reuter.

CANADA'S PART IN THE WAR

After three days of almost constant meetings of the Canadian Cabinet War Committee, at which reports were given by Colonel Ralston, Defence Minister, and Mr. Howe, Munitions Minister, on their visits to Britain, Mr. Mackenzie King, the Premier, called a full meeting for yesterday.

It was expected that the meeting would consider a number of important recommendations from the War Committee, particularly regarding the despatch of trained personnel overseas and munition production.—Reuter.

BITTEN BY DOG

Bitten by a dog, owned by Mr. J. F. McGregor, of No. 457, The Peak, yesterday, Tang Kwong-sang was treated at the Queen Mary Hospital. The dog was sent to the Jockey Club Stables for observation.



THE BIG BANG—Some idea of how the crews of the Luftwaffe jettison their bombs when the R.A.F. are "on their tail" can be judged by this exclusive picture secured by our cameraman whilst he was driving in the S.E. area. A German aircraft had come into contact with one of our fighters, who immediately engaged. The enemy machine straightaway dropped his bombs in meadow-land (which according to the German communiqué were military objectives) and made for home. This picture was secured by our photographer from the seat of his car. (Fox. Copyright.)

IMMIGRATION CASH PAYMENTS

Rumours that the Immigration Office have suspended payment of cash securities received by people who arrived in the Colony without entry permits were exploded by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, Immigration Officer, this morning.

Mr. Forrest stated that the immigration department remained open and worked throughout the holidays and as a result all the cash in the department was paid out before the holidays ended.

Payment of the cash securities, therefore had to be temporarily suspended until the banks reopened for business on Wednesday.

INDO-CHINA STIRRINGS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

According to reliable reports received in Kwong Chow Wan over 20 Japanese warships were sighted steaming in the direction of Haiphong yesterday.

It is also rumoured that some 3,000 troops belonging to artillery units are assembling at Haiphong to embark for Saigon. — Our Own Correspondent.

ANTI-NAZI MOVE BY CUBA

THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA YESTERDAY DECREED ALL TOTALITARIAN ASSOCIATIONS ILLEGAL, PROHIBITED THE USE OF TOTALITARIAN FLAGS AND EMBLEMS AND BANNED ALL TOTALITARIAN PROPAGANDA.

The decree is considered to be aimed at Nazis, Fascists and Communists equally.

Meanwhile the Spanish Government has recalled its consul-general, Senor Genaro Riestra, a well-known Falangist (Spanish Fascist). It is believed in Havana that the Cuban Government requested that he be withdrawn because of his alleged anti-Democratic activities.—Reuter.

ARMISTICE TALKS PROGRESS

THE SECOND DAY OF THE ARMISTICE CONFERENCE BETWEEN THAILAND AND INDO-CHINA WAS HELD AT A HOTEL, INSTEAD OF ON BOARD A JAPANESE WARSHIP.

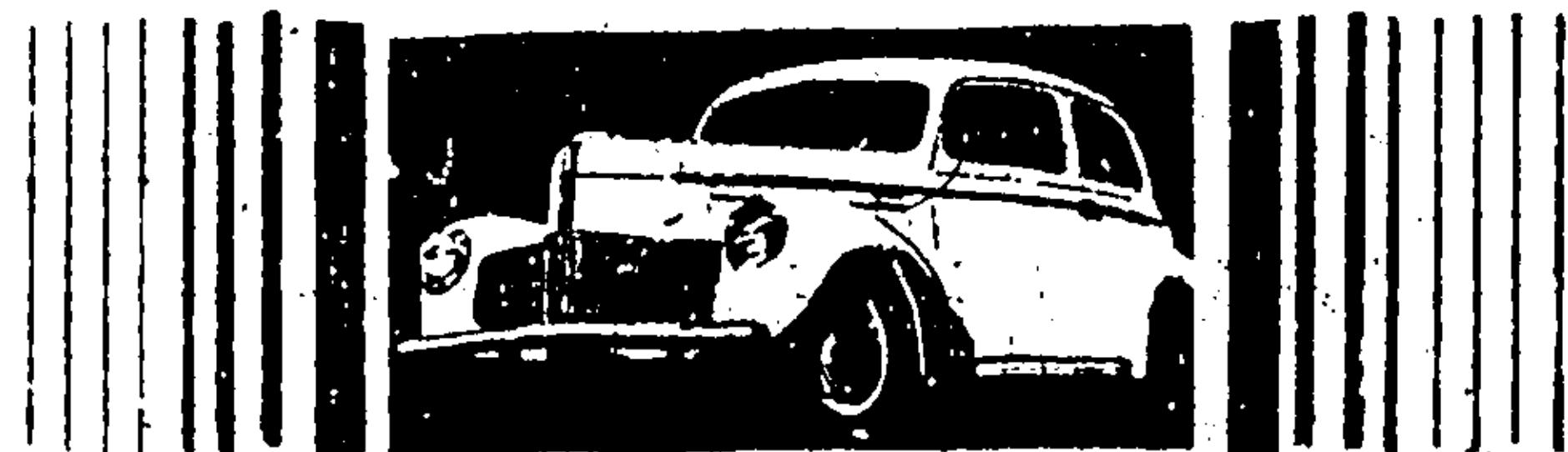
Both delegations presented replies to the Japanese proposals separately to Major-General Sumita, chief of the Japanese delegation.

Results of the meetings are not known but informed sources believe an armistice agreement may be signed to-day.—Reuter.

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CRIME DOESN'T PAY!
NO. 28

By The Four Aces

One of the players committed a Bridge Crime in to-day's hand; see if you can spot both the crime and the criminal:

South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♠ 9 4 2
♥ Q 8 5
♦ A Q J 7 6
♣ 9 4

♠ 7 6
♥ K 10 7
♦ 4 3
♣ 8 3 2
♦ K Q J

♠ A K Q J 10 3
♥ ♦ A J
♦ 10 9 4
♣ 8 5

The bidding:
South West North East
Pass Pass Pass Pass
1♦ Pass Pass Pass

West opened the King of clubs, holding the trick. He continued with the Queen of clubs, and then shifted to the eight of diamonds. Declarer finessed and East won with the King of diamonds. East returned the nine of hearts, but South put up the heart Ace, drew trumps, and discarded his heart loser on one of dummy's long diamonds.

Something slipped somewhere—but what was it and who was responsible? Try to find out for yourself before you read any more.

East was the criminal, and his crime occurred at the second trick! East could be quite sure that the defence could win only two club tricks, so it was necessary to look for two other tricks to defeat the contract. The King of diamonds was one of them, but the other had to be contributed by West. If West had a trump trick, he would get it without any help from East; but if West had a heart trick, it might be vital for East to help establish it before South managed to establish the diamonds.

Therefore East should have played the Ace of clubs at the second trick! Then he could return a heart, and South would be unable to prevent the loss of a heart trick as well as the inevitable diamond and two clubs.

* * *

Yesterday you were Merwin D. Maier's partner and, with both vulnerable, you held:

♠ K 5 3 2
♥ Q J 6 4
♦ 7
♣ K 6 5 3

The bidding:
Schenken Muler Jacoby You
1♦ 20 Dbl (?)

ANSWER: Pass. Your black Kings will be useful to your partner at a diamond contract; his diamonds may be useless to you at any other contract.

Score 100% for pass; 30% for two no-trump.

Question No. 627

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ Q J 10 7 5
♥ 5 4 2
♦ Q 9
♣ K Q 5

The bidding:
Jacoby Schenken Muler You
1♦ 20 Dbl (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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BEAUTY SALON BEATS U.S.

In Edwardian days the Gaiety girls used to take back to London with them from Manchester enormous milk cans full of the famous soft Manchester water—"so good for the complexion."

Beauty treatment has gone a long way since then, but it is still to Manchester that many hundreds of "lovelies" of society, stage and screen come, for Manchester has the finest beauty parlour and hairdressing salon in this country.

GEORGE MEDAL P.C.'S ESCAPE

(By A Correspondent)

A police-constable who was recently awarded the George Medal for bravery in a raid had a remarkable escape in a savage Nazi attack on a south-east coast town.

"A police-box I had left a few seconds before was blown up," he told me. "As I rounded the corner of a public-house I heard the roar of a plane and saw in the moonlight a bomber not 500ft overhead.

"A bomb crashed on the other side of the public-house. There was a blinding flash and wreckage leapt in the air all around me. Then another bomb struck the ground. I was almost stunned where I stood. A child cried out inside the public-house. I went in and found a five-year-old girl. I tucked her under my cape and stumbled along the road until a colleague took charge of her, then I collapsed."

It was the biggest attack yet experienced by the town. Although a number of working-class houses were demolished and others badly damaged the loss of life was proportionately small.

Mrs. H. W. Bond, who was serving free refreshments to rescue workers in her badly battered tea shop, typified the courage of the victims. "Hitler has done his worst to us," she said to me. "Now perhaps he will realise that he cannot frighten us!"

For many hours I watched rescue parties at work liberating people who had been trapped. It is due mainly to them that the death and casualty roll is not much higher. Ten dead had been accounted for when the last count was taken.

Men in a rescue party led by Lt. "Jim" Slattery, M.M. and bar, of the R.E.'s, did heroic work.

Mr. Charles Colgate, an elderly man, was trapped at the bottom of an immense pile of rubble and masonry which had once been a large building. Lt. Slattery and the others tackled the task of reaching and saving Colgate, whose cries for help just penetrated the mass of wreckage.

As they came nearer to success they moved the debris with their cupped hands rather than use tools which might cause a fall of wreckage. At last—after 10 hours—they were able to release the man, who is expected to live.

Sir Auckland Geddes, the Regional Commissioner for this area, arrived during the afternoon to watch the rescue work.

HERO'S SEXTANT FOR WARSPIKE BOY

The sextant used by Lieutenant-Commander John Bowman-Manifold, who, as navigator of H.M.S. Exeter, was killed in action during the Battle of the Plate last December, has been presented to a Warspite boy who has been promoted to Sub-Lieutenant in less than five years after leaving the training ship.

Mr. Sydney Marsham (Vice-President) stated at a meeting of the Marine Society that "Lady Bowman-Manifold had entrusted them to present the sextant to someone worthy of it."

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HEROINE OF HELL'S KITCHEN

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)
The "Angel of Hell's Kitchen"—that's the title Mrs. Amy Fluck, fifty-seven, earned for herself down the Old Kent-road.

Everyone knew her there. Nearly everyone, at some time or another, visited her "Hell's Kitchen"—a tiny coffee stall in the centre of South London's battlefield.

Serving hot pies and coffee from 9 p.m. to 8 a.m. without a break for seven nights a week through bombing and gunfire, the Angel had a smile and a cheery word for all.

One night, in a heavy raid, she fell as she was busy baking pies for the hard-worked A.R.P. men.

A piece of shrapnel had hit her.

Within a few minutes she was rushed to hospital by her A.R.P. friends.

When Mr. Fluck saw his injured wife all she was worried about was the stall.

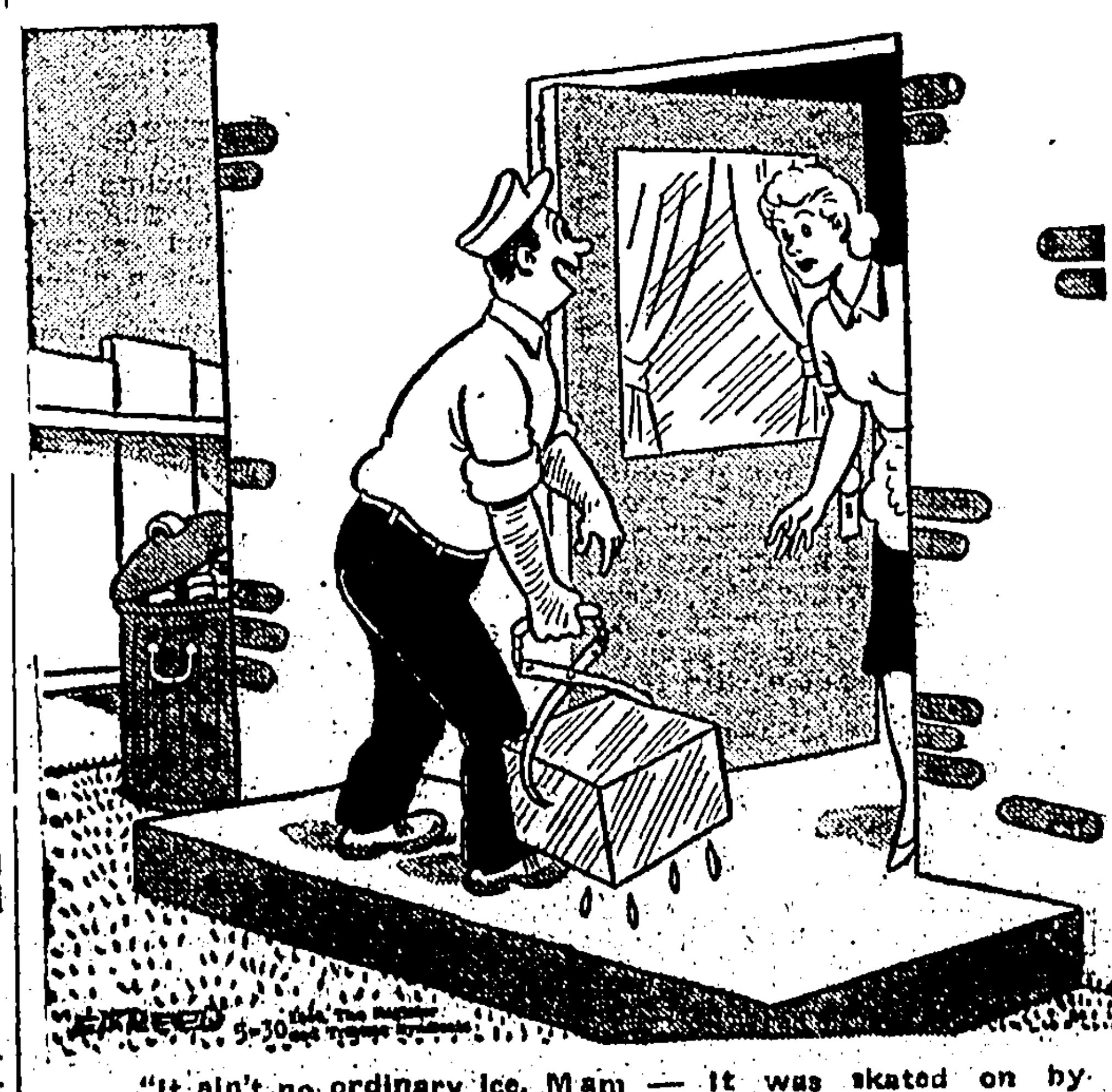
"My poor people won't be able to get their tea of a night now," she said. "But I'll be back in a couple of days."

She was wrong. The hospital to which she was taken was bombed soon after her admittance. She was evacuated to another in Surrey. That, too, was bombed.

This time Mrs. Fluck was killed.

When I visited her little coffee-stall it was boarded up. "Open in a couple of days" were the words chalked faintly on one side. A tiny Union Jack waved above it.

OFF THE RECORD



By ED REED
"It ain't no ordinary ice, Mam — it was skated on by Sonja Henie!"

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AIR ACE WAS KILLED ON HIS WEDDING DAY

"COBBER" KAIN, the first R.A.F. ace of this war, was to have been married on the day he was killed in a flying accident in France, it has been revealed.

When he parted from a friend one evening before the tragedy, he said: "Don't tell anyone, but I'm getting married next week. That is, if I'm alive."

The whole dramatic story is told by Noel Monks in his book, "Squadrons Up!" (Gollancz, 12s. 6d.).

PETAIN SAILORS WALK OUT

Stay In England—To Fight

Two large ships, sent to Britain by the Vichy Government to repatriate French sailors and soldiers, docked in England recently.

As soon as the ships tied up, more than half the crews walked down the gang planks with their belongings and announced: "We are here. We stay here. It is our wish to join General de Gaulle."

They asked the British authorities if they could address the Frenchmen awaiting repatriation. They were told: "Many have already changed their minds."

It can be revealed now that 50 French naval officers and 1,500 ratings who last September elected to return to France have since decided to stay and fight with General de Gaulle.

140 A Week

The flow of volunteers to the Free French Forces is growing rapidly, sometimes reaching 140 a week.

The action of the French seamen in the repatriation ships is a significant pointer to the re-unification of fighting among Frenchmen to-day.

All the men were bitter. Said one, addressing the Frenchmen on the quayside: "We have brought these ships to take back Frenchmen. If you still want to go back and live under the Boche you are welcome. But you do so without our help."

All these men have since been posted to Allied ships.

The vessels in which they arrived from France came without lifeboats and without adequate life-saving gear. It is believed that much of this gear has been taken by the Germans. The ships carried enough fuel to get them here, but none to take them back.

The captains asked the British authorities to fuel their ships for the return journey. This was refused, but they were given enough to take them to the nearest fuelling port in Ireland.

BADMINTON TOURNAMENT AT V.R.C.

Following are the latest results in the Victoria Recreation Club badminton tournament:

Singles Handicap
D. M. Xavier (—9) beat A. K. Rumjahn (—5); A. Zimmern (scr.) beat R. J. Reed (scr.).

Mixed Doubles Handicap
D. M. Xavier and Miss L. Foster (—8) beat A. K. Rumjahn and Miss J. Anderson (scr.).

"Allam" Cup
W. Fisher and A. A. Romedios beat A. A. Noronha and A. L. Rocha; M. M. de V. Soares and L. Sequiera beat O. el Arculli and N. Jaffer; A. K. Rumjahn and G. Agabeg beat L. A. Barros and A. A. Gutierrez; Dr. Ribeiro and C. Brown beat F. A. Castro and J. Neves.

Friday, June 7, 1940. On a dusty emergency aerodrome, near Blois, in France, a two-seater Magister communications plane is being loaded with kit by an orderly.

A tin helmet and a gas mask complete the loading, and the orderly reports to a group of young R.A.F. pilots chatting a few yards away.

"Gear aboard. Good luck, sir."

A tall, broad-shouldered, black-haired Flying Officer, with the ribbon of the Distinguished Flying Cross newly sewn below his wings, leaves the group and walks to the waiting plane.

Shot Down 25 Planes

He calls: "Cheerio, chaps! Be good," to his comrades, and climbs into the cockpit, settles himself, gives a mechanic the thumbs-up. The engine roars.

Suddenly a mischievous grin spreads over the face of the young giant in the Magister. He has caught sight of a Hurricane fighter.

It is his old ship. Yesterday, 20,000 feet over Rheims he had "squeezed the teat" that controlled its eight machine-guns, and down went his twenty-fifth "Nazi!"

So he uncurls his long legs from the cockpit of the Magister and, going across to the Hurricane, wedges himself into the cockpit.

"One more beat up, lads," he calls, and he is off across the aerodrome in a cloud of hot dust.

With a roar like a thunderclap the Hurricane comes back over the drome, above the heads of the little group of officers—only just above their heads, because it is barely twenty feet off the ground, is upside down, and travelling at 850 miles an hour.

The boys call this a "beat up."

Still upside down, the Hurricane shoots up to 1,500 feet, turns right side up, then starts a series of rolls earthward.

That is just how the young man in the Hurricane is feeling, rolling about in thin air. The little Magister below, with its engine ticking over nicely, is going to take him home to England for special duties.

Too Close To Mother Earth

Two rolls are completed. The group of R.A.F. officers suddenly stop laughing and chattering. One says anxiously, "What the hell?" as the Hurricane goes into a third roll. His experienced eye can see this will bring it mighty close to mother earth.

Then three or four of them yell "Cobber, Cobber." They start running.

There is a crash. The Hurricane does not quite complete the third roll.

Its port wing touches the ground....

The young officers lift their dead comrade from the wreckage. A mechanic climbs into the cockpit of the Magister. He switches off the engine....

"Cobber" was the first Ace in the war against Nazidom, and he was the last pilot of that squadron's personnel that flew off so gaily to France that autumn to be still on his feet in France on that June day.

"Cobber" Kain was as much toasted in the messes of other squadrons as he was in his own. That is a way they have in the R.A.F. The good man does for the good of the Service, and not for himself alone.

SHIPYARD THEFT

A quantity of brass, valued at \$138, was stolen from the Bailey Shipyard, Hung Hom, yesterday.

CRACKER THROWERS FINED

Walking in front in Peking Road yesterday, a six-year-old girl was injured when firecrackers were thrown into her face. She was treated at Kowloon Hospital.

As result of the incident, Li Yip, 38, married woman, of 17, Peking Road, first floor, was charged before Mr. E. Hinsworth at Kowloon this morning with discharging firecrackers without permission from the Hon. S.C.A.; and with discharging them in a manner dangerous to public safety.

Defendant was fined \$1 on first charge, and \$10 on second.

Sub-Inspector Johnson said that defendant threw lighted firecrackers into the street from her house. Two or three were thrown into the girl's face.

For discharging firecrackers in a manner dangerous to the public by throwing them on to the verandahs of houses in Tung Choi Street yesterday, Chau Min, 20, box-maker, was fined \$2.

SKATING RINK INCIDENT

The master of a factory in Yen Chow Street, Hung Shu-fai, 24, was fined \$5 and ordered to pay \$8.20 amends by Mr. E. Hinsworth at Kowloon this morning for behaving in a disorderly manner and creating a disturbance at the Kowloon Skating Rink in Argyle Street.

Sergeant Cameron stated that at 4.40 p.m. yesterday, accused attempted to enter the rink without a ticket. When asked for his ticket, accused allegedly snatched up a number of tickets lying on the table and threw them all over the rink. When the attendants intervened accused was alleged to have struck them and to have torn the clothes of one of the attendants, Jack Lowe. The Sergeant alleged that accused was under the influence of drink.

BARBERS CHARGED

Several barbers were charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy this morning, with gambling in No. 15, Cochrane Street, ground floor, yesterday.

The alleged keeper, Fu Ho, 27, was fined \$30, while six other defendants were fined \$2 each.

Twelve absentees had their bail of \$3 estreated, and \$21.40, picked up during the raid, was ordered to be placed in the Poor Box.

Detective Sergeant J. R. Sykes prosecuted.



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GAMBLING CHARGE

Before Major A. N. Macfadyen at the Central Magistracy this morning, Wai Tim, 36, unemployed, and Leung Kam-fook, 35, shop keeper, were charged with keeping a common gaming house at No. 91, Main Street East, Shaukiwan.

Forty-five others were charged with gambling in the premises.

The alleged keepers were represented by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, who pleaded not guilty.

Thirty-five of the defendants charged with gambling failed to appear in Court, and had their bail of \$5 each estreated.

Hearing of the case was fixed for February 5, at 2.30 p.m.

The alleged keepers were each allowed \$200 bail.

Inspector Russell is in charge of the case.

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\$40 1/2 sa.

H.K. Electrics (New) \$38 3/4 b.

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Cements \$18 sa.

H.K. Ropes \$8 1/2 b., \$8 1/4 sa.

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LAST DAY'S SALES

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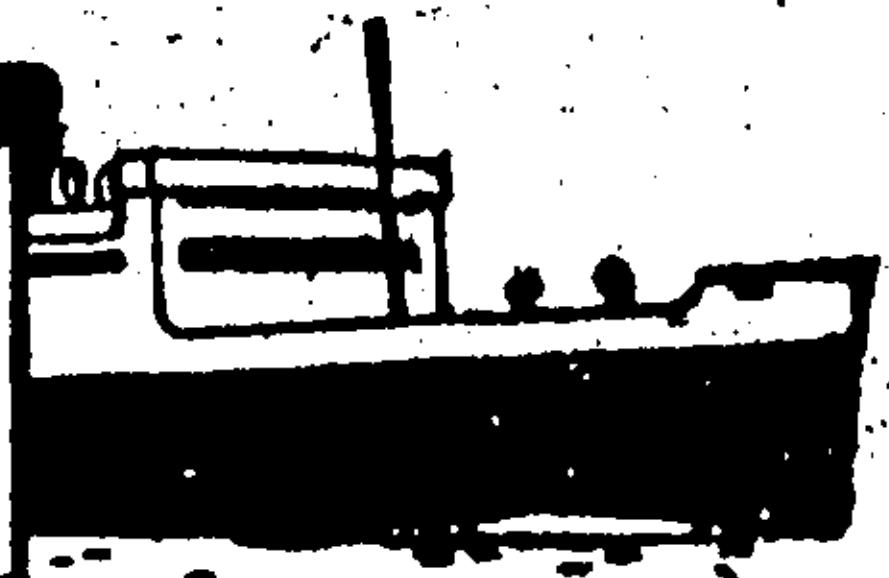
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vices."

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Ord. 5.30 p.m.

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Reg. 5.00 p.m.
Ord. 7.00 p.m.

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Parcels 5.00 p.m.

Letters 7.00 p.m.

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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercess-
tion.

12.30 p.m.—Saint-Saëns—Concerto in G
Minor, Op. 22.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather
Report.

1.03 p.m.—Jack Hylton and His Orch.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press,
Weather Forecast and Announce-
ments.

1.45 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and
Sullivan.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-
tions.

6.32 p.m.—Malcolm McEachern (Bass)
and the Band of H.M. Grenadier
Guards.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions
of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—Dance Music by the B.B.C.
Dance Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—A Request Variety Pro-
gramme.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News
and News Commentary.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: 'Books
and People.'

9.45 p.m.—Alfredo and His Orchestra.

10.05 p.m.—John Gay's "The Beggar's
Opera."

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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FOOTBALL PROBLEMS

- Q.1. A player running down the wing with the ball is badly brought down by a spectator and the opponent immediately rushes up to this spectator and strikes him. All this happens on the touch line. What should the referee do?
- Q.2. A player standing in an off-side position realises that if he remains there he will be penalised for off-side, therefore he runs into the back of the net. As a goal is scored the referee notices this player. What should he do?
- Q.3. A player has caused trouble amongst his team, and his captain orders him off the field. What is the referee to do?
- Q.4. A player is ordered off the field. In the dressing room he is requested to play for another team. Can the referee prevent him from playing, knowing that he has just been ordered off?
- Q.5. "Soccer Fan" asks if there is any time limit for a goalkeeper holding the ball. He says that he has been told that there is a time limit of four seconds. What do you think?

(Answers on Page 15)

INTERPORT HOCKEY PRACTICE

The 17 players nominated for the forthcoming Interport hockey match with Macao will have a practice match on Saturday against Y.M.C.A. on the Club ground King's Park, starting at 4 p.m.

The players nominated are: V. M. Benwell (Club), V. C. Bond (Club), J. Gonsalves (Recreio), Capt. Komptan Parsad (Punjabs), R. Marques (Recreio), M. H. Hussan (Khalsa), Capt. H. Wood (Club), W. A. Reed (Club), N. B. M. Whitley (Club), T. Alves (Recreio), D. T. Smith (Club), Lt. J. Ross (Punjabs), G. Singh (Khalsa), A. E. P. Guest (Khalsa), W. Parker (Police), L. Ozorio (Recreio) and W. Brown (Police).

Following will represent the "Y":—Cleggett; Taylor and Youreff; Jordan, Coombe and Waldron; Spencelayh, Gemmell, Hitchcock, Morgan and Dunne.

The "Y" Second Team will play on the same ground at 3 p.m. against a team not yet specified and will be represented by: Cleggett; Grant and Railton; Saxby; Tomlinson and Gorman; Macey, Olson, Spare, Fancey and Banks.

A. N. Other XI

Following will represent A. N. Other XI in the Hong Kong Hockey Association tournament on Sunday on the Club ground at 10.30 a.m. against the Signals:—Benwell; Gunner and Youreff; Jordan, McLellan and Waldron; Spencelayh, Alsey, Hitchcock, Morgan and A. N. Other.



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SOFTBALL NOTES

RECREIO ELIMINATED FROM PENNANT RACE

Indians Score 11 In Three Innings

Saints Take Lead In League Table

By "Grandstand"

FIELDING A MAKESHIFT TEAM, the Recreio Aces, whom the weisenheimers had doped to win, were eliminated from the pennant race, by the Indians in an 11-6 trouncing.

After a long lay-off, Johnnie Alvares, former Recreio fire-ball artist, assumed mound duties and fanned one and walked four, whilst slabster Kassa Nazarin, of the Indians, only issued one free ticket to first. With poor backing behind him, Alvares yielded eight safeties, whilst Nazarin was also nicked for eight blows, four of which were bunched in the fourth.

Taking advantage of a loose infield, as open as a Monte Carlo gambling joint, the Indians pushed four markers across the pan to get the jump on the Rees in the first frame. After two more tallies had leaked through second base, mentor Riri Noronha went into scull sessions and yanked key-stoner Wilfred Lawrence, switching left-fielder Caco Marques to second, in a futile attempt to halt the Indian rampage.

Scoring Splurge

Before anybody knew what was what, the Indians had chalked up 11 tallies for the first three frames to the Rambling Rees' lone marker when Nick Beltrao scored on Johnnie Alvares slow dribbler.

At this stage, even Recreio fans were slowly but surely moving off. "Yep, they all love a winner."

Undaunted, the Rees came back and held the Indians to a negative score for the rest of the game, whilst Bertie Gosano sparked a three-run rally with a slushing single in the fourth, which included Gerry Gosano's four-master with one aboard, and a two-run effort in the fifth, with five runs to tie—but it wasn't in the cards and the game ended that way.

Gerry Gosano's .750 stickwork performance, which slugged in three runs for his side in his four trips to the plate, included the only homer of the fray, whilst manager Ahwoo Omar and "Savage" Hassan's two in four also deserve mention, the latter clouting a two run triple.

Saints Take Lead

St. Joseph's climbed into the lead in the Senior League by their 4-1 triumph over the revived Canadian Chinese nine. Charlie Manson toed the rubber for the Saints and cracked a three-hitter, whilst his mates collected five blows off Canuck speed-ball hurler Herbie Quon, whose only mistake was feeding a couple of cripes, to Bambino Dave Leonard, which didn't have enough smoke on them to make a sparrow sneeze! Quon fanned three and passed only one, whilst Collegian slabster Manson walked four.

The only Canadian tally came in, in the first, when Young Lee singled and went around the bases on two successive wild heaves, and, despite four more Collegian bungles, Canadians were unable to add another marker.

Four double-killings, featured the tilt, Luke Bunn to Ross Mark to Johnnie Delgado, flagging George Souza at first and nailing Hal Winglee at the plate; Stan Leonard, hauling down Mok's fly, heaved wild to second-sacker "Ozo" Ozorio, but Frankie Gonsalves, who was covering the play, threw in a perfect strike from centre-field to erase Herbie Quon at the counting station; clamping his hands on Ross Mark's pop fly, Collegian keystone Ozorio caught Bill Ing flat-footed off first for another twin-killing. Two more Canadians were thumped out on a

LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE

SENIOR LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pctg.
St. Joseph's	8	2	.800
Hong Kong Baseballers	7	2	.778
Indians	7	3	.700
Cyclones	6	4	.600
Recreio Aces	4	4	.600
Chinese Baseballers	3	4	.429
Filipinos	1	7	.125
Canadian Chinese	0	10	.000

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Chung Hwa	8	1	.889
V.R.C.	7	1	.875
R.A.F.	6	2	.750
Cosmos	6	3	.667
Recreio Boys	6	3	.667
South China	4	3	.571
Liga Portuguesa	3	5	.375
Royal Scots	3	5	.375
Bth R.A.	2	7	.222
Central Britishers	1	8	.111
Royal Engineers	0	10	.000

LADIES' LEAGUE

Canadian Chinese	9	0	1.000
Wildcats	8	1	.889
Wahoos	9	2	.545
Panthers	6	5	.545
Cardinals	5	6	.488
Ramblerettes	3	8	.273
Little Flowers	1	9	.100
Chung Hwa	0	10	.000

INTER-HONG LEAGUE

Hong Kong Bankers	3	0	1.000
Shell Oilers	3	1	.750
Texaco	3	1	.750
Lucas	2	1	.667
Chartered Bankers	1	1	.500
Cahies	0	4	.000
Greenspots	0	4	.000

HOW TO ACQUIRE A PUNCH

In a recent article we read how Jim Gully of the Royal Horse Guards out-pointed Pte. Bradshaw of Canada. Gully tells here how he developed a big punch. On being asked, Gully said that considering how few great boxers of the English school have possessed a real dig, it is a surprisingly easy question to answer.

The boxers must be prepared to spend half an hour every day doing one particular job in the gymnasium. He must make a mark on the heavy bag, and teach himself to punch that mark with all his weight and a bit more.

It will take a week to learn, or discover how to land one punch, so a year is the reasonable period of self instruction. Try the right hook to the body first. Make a mark on the bag at the correct height and find out how to stand and how far away to be. Make sure the left hand is held so as to protect the chin and then practice until you are "marking a hole" in the bag.

Feet Must Be Set

You'll never produce the "killer" unless your feet are firmly set for the blow, yet if you stand flat-footed you don't achieve a kick. You must concentrate on this one punch until you have perfected it, and it becomes second nature to let it go.

You almost want to throw your glove as well as your body at the bag.

Here is a way to understand how to hit. Imagine yourself on a farm and you are watching a cart-horse and a frisky pony. Say the old fellow kicks you with his heavy slow feet. He might bruise your leg, but if the pony kicks you he'll snap the leg in two as if it is matchwood, yet his leg is one-fifth the thickness of the cart-horses.

It's the snap that does it. Have

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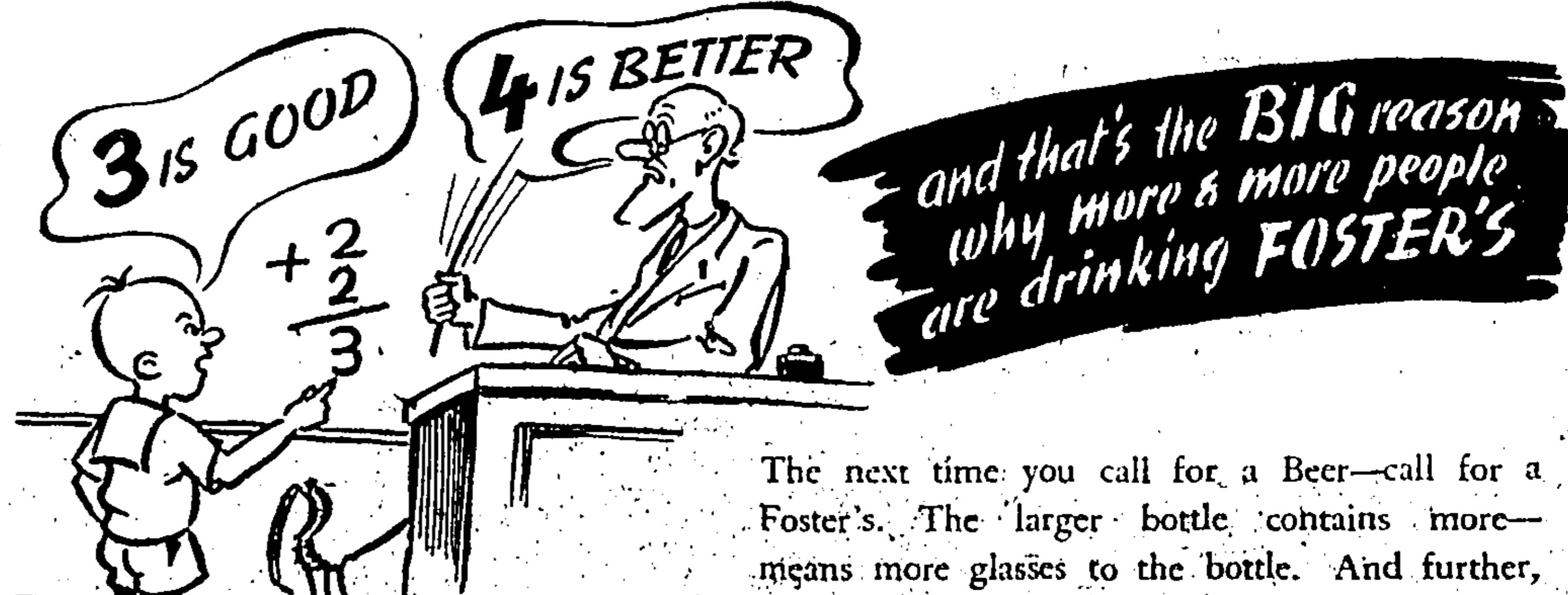
M'SEX AT FULL STRENGTH

Middlesex will be at full strength for their Senior Shield soccer match against Sing Tao tomorrow. Play will start at 4.15 p.m. on the Club ground and the band and drums of the Battalion will also be on hand.

Following is the Middlesex team.—

Jackson; Freshwater and Sheehan; Thomas, Bright and Wilkinson; Coomer, Pearson, Bulen, Saw and Marrable.

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ARMY SPOTLIGHT

THE ARMY BOXING SEASON WILL SOON BE UNDER WAY

Interesting Competitions In Offing

Garrison Snooker League Starts On Monday

By "Squaddy"

IN TWO WEEKS the first of the Garrison boxing competitions will be held. The Inter-Unit Team Novices competition will be held at Nanking Barracks on Wednesday and Thursday, February 12 and 13.

The Area Open Individual Boxing competition will be held at Nanking Barracks on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 11, 12, and 13.

The Area Open Inter-Unit Team boxing will be held at Murray Barracks on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, April 8, 9, and 10. It is hoped this season that the above competitions will be greatly improved, as the Combined Royal Artillery are getting together teams for the above competitions and individual competitors for the Individual Opens. In the previous three seasons the Royal Scots and the Middlesex Regiment have been the only two Regiments competing in these competitions.

The Royal Scots have won the Team Novices competition for the last three seasons. They have also won the Area Inter-Unit team open boxing competition two seasons out of the last three—1938, 1940—Middlesex Regiment won this competition in 1939.

Last year the Royal Scots were presented with the "Northcote Trophy" for the Premier Boxing competition held in Hong Kong, presented by H.E. Sir Geoffrey Northcote, K.C.M.G. This trophy was presented as winners of the premier amateur boxing tournament held in the Colony at the time, but if the Civilian Amateur boxing competitions are started again, this trophy will be presented to the winner of the premier boxing competition held in Hong Kong.

Royal Scots and Middlesex have both held their Inter-Company Novices boxing competitions and are both training hard to get together a strong team.

Royal Artillery have also been training hard and have been utilizing the Garrison Gymnasium during the last month or so to train their team. It is hoped to see some new talent this season amongst the Services.

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AT Sookunpoo on Tuesday "H.Q." Company, Middlesex Regiment defeated 24th Hvy. Bty., A.A. in the second round of the Small Units Horkey knockout competition by six clear goals after leading by three goals at the interval.

Pte. Sheehan was the outstanding player on the field, and his ball control was a treat to watch. He scored two of the winners' goals. His combination with Bds. Hymas was giving the Gunners' defence plenty to think about, with the latter swinging the ball about to his forwards; Hymas also scored two goals.

The other goal scorers were Bright, and Moggeridge.

Pte. Stickley, the former Colony and Army player, returned to the Middies' side after having been out of the game for some time owing to injuries. He played a sound game at back, and his strong hitting kept the Gunners' forwards from getting near his goal. Pearson, the winners' goalie, had only two shots to save throughout the game.

The Gunners tried hard, but they were definitely outclassed by the Middlesex who had a better combined eleven. This "Coy" team should, in my opinion, go a long way in this competition. Their team consists of seven Battalion players.

* * *

The following are other results in this competition:

R.A.F. beat R.A.M.C.	1-0
10th Coy., R.E., beat 17th A.A.	5-2
D. Coy., Royal Scots, beat R.A.O.C.	2-0
2nd Coy., R.E., beat R.A.S.C.	2-0
24th Hvy. Bty., R.A., beat B.	

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

THERE was really a battle of Giants on January 23, the occasion being a five-game Ten Pin match between the U.S.S. Tulsa and the Alley Team, the four players forming the Alley Team being the strongest four in the Alleys. They lost however to the Tulsa after a keen struggle by the low margin of 19 pins.

The scores were:

Tulsa 3395

Alley Team 3376

It was one of the keenest and tensest games that I have seen for a long time in the Alleys.

It is interesting to follow the progress of players in opposition to one another, in adjoining alleys, as for instance Ernie Hearther against Moore of the Tulsa. Hearther made no mistake, securing 925, the top score of the match while Moore made a useful 820.

At Sookunpoo on Wednesday the first two games of the Large Units Rugby Football League were played between the

Rugby Football - Royal Scots and the Middlesex Regt., and the Royal Artillery and the Combined Small Units.

Royal Scots proved much too good for the Middlesex.

Capt. Man and Pte. Berry were the only two Middlesex players who really had any knowledge of tackling their opposing players.

The Scots have a strong team which includes several Army players and should go a long way in this League.

Capt. Douglass and Bateman played a good game for them.

In the second game Royal Artillery defeated the Small Units by nine points to five after a game of many accidents.

Niehoff who was second highest scorer of the match, was matched against Blount, and made 916 against Blount's 872.

Molthen Off Form

Borg had little difficulty against Dee Molthen, netting a useful 871 or an average of 174 pins per game. Molthen was clearly off form.

There was quite a tussle between Peterson and Watts, the latter just managing to beat his opposite number by 12 pins. Watts scored exactly 800, while Peterson notched 788.

It was rather curious that in a high-scoring match such as this there were only four scores of 200 or over. Niehoff for Tulsa registered two of them, 200 in his third game, and 212 in his fourth, while Blount bagged 204 in his first game, and Hearther 223 in his fifth—the highest individual score of the match.

The Alley Team were leading on the first game by 24 pins, but Tulsa came ahead in the second to lead by 28 pins, which they increased to 94 in the third game. They were still leading by 41 pins in the fourth, and almost lost the match on the last game, just managing to keep 19 ahead, another spare or a strike for the Alley Team would have turned the tables.

Close Match

There was a very close three-game Ten Pin Match in the second round of the Singles Handicap Competition, played on Saturday between A. W. Muenger and Hall of the Royal Corps of Signals.

Muenger's handicap was plus 36 and Hall's plus 33, the former winning by 18 pins.

The scores were:

A. W. Muenger 471

D. H. Hall 453

Muenger might have done better had he not failed in his second

game. Hall was obviously away below his usual form, his 453 not being anything like his usual capabilities.

Alley Team Wins

On the same evening a five-game Ten Pin Match between representative teams from the Tulsa and the Alleys was played.

The result was very close indeed, the Alley Team finally winning by 15 pins only, the scores being:

Alley Team 2937

Tulsa 2922

Engle of the Tulsa was the star bowler of the match, scoring a brilliant 871. He also registered the only 200, 215 in his first game.

Second highest score was compiled by Devlin for the Alley Team with a useful 772 or an average of 154 pins per game. This player would have done even better had he not failed in his third and fifth games to make two mediocre scores, 135 and 131.

The remaining players bowled fairly well, considering that they had never to my knowledge bowled in a match game—with the possible exception of Pawlowski of the Alley Team—the scoring being between 672 and 744.

In passing I might mention that the type of match mentioned above is invaluable as it tends to make the younger player keen and fosters team-spirit.

Devlin's Good Win

There was another three-game Ten Pin Match played on Wednesday in the second round of the Singles Handicap Competition. It was between veteran J. S. Landolt and Signalman W. Devlin of the Royal Corps of Signals.

Landolt's handicap was plus 17 and Devlin's plus 43 and the latter won by 52 pins, the scores being:

Devlin 544

Landolt 492

It was generally expected that Landolt, well-known as a fighter, despite the heavy handicap, would just about win, but there is no gainsaying the fact that Devlin played good, consistent bowls, his average working out at 155 without his handicap.

Landolt would actually have been required to average at least 185 pins to win, whereas he only managed 164; he was certainly right off form.



GRAPHIC GOLF**Hands Ahead Of Putter Head****By BEST BALL**

Let the hands lead the putter head prior to impact not vice versa. Putting is largely wrist and hand action and as a result the arc of the clubhead is restricted. In some cases, the stroke approximates that made by the pendulum of a grandfather clock and the ball must necessarily be struck at the low point of the arc for accurate results. This leaves a minimum margin for an error. For instance if the putter head reaches its nadir before reaching the ball, it might very well contact it on the upstroke and furthermore contact it so near the top that the ball would be topped.

To offset this tendency most golfers use as flat an arc as possible; the clubhead travelling just above the turf. If the hands lead the clubhead slightly, just below the left shoulder for example, such a routine is more easily accomplished. This will tend to bring the clubhead onto the ball, square to the line and

Famous Cricketers Join The Services

Three prominent cricketers have joined the Services recently. H. T. Bartlett, the Sussex left-hander, has joined the Royal Army Service Corps in a Cadet unit; A. E. R. Gilligan, the former Sussex and England captain, has been granted a commission in the Royal Air Force as a pilot-officer, and M. V. Umfreville, who kept wicket for the British Empire XI on many occasions during last summer, joins the R.A.F. to train as a rear-gunner.

From a schoolboy, Bartlett has been noted for the terrific power of his hitting and in 1938 he won the Sir Walter Lawrence trophy for the fastest hundred of the season by hitting up three figures in 57 minutes for Sussex against the Australians at Hove.

England Captain

Gilligan, a splendid all-rounder, became captain of Sussex in 1922 and led England in the triumphant tournament against South Africa in 1924. He captained England's team which lost the rubber in Australia in 1924-25 but he had

furthermore at right angles to the ball. With the weight largely on the left foot, there is no danger of obstructing the path of either the hands or the putter head and the latter can move forward freely.

Next Article:—Don't Make The Knees Rigid.



the satisfaction of being in charge of the team at Melbourne which gained the first victory for England over Australia since the Triangular Tournament in 1912.

His unapproached bowling performance was six wickets for seven runs when he and Maurice Tate dismissed South Africa in 1923 for 30 runs in forty-five minutes at Birmingham—this is the smallest total in Test Matches in England.

Umfreville, who is 20 years of age, is considered one of the best wicket-keepers in club cricket and he is a useful soccer inside-forward.—Reuter.

The following team will represent Royal Navy against Club tomorrow at Boundary Street at 3 p.m.:

P. O. Clough; S/Lt. McGill, Tel. Honeywill, Cdt. Lamble, S/Lt. Kennedy, Lt. Carter (Capt.), A/L Tel. Bowden; L. S. A. Palmer, R. C. Castleton, S/Lt. Winter, C. P. O. Wtr. King, L. A. C. Stockham, S/Lt. Poole, S/Lt. Eager and A. B. Hughes.

Reserves:—F/Lt. Wright, E. A. Wilson, P. O. Wilson, S. B. A. Flynn, and S/Lt. Carey.

TO-MORROW'S CRICKET TEAMS

The following will represent Hong Kong C.C. against Army at Chater Road to-morrow:

H. Owen Hughes (Capt.), G. G. Aitkenhead, C. W. E. Bishop, N. D. Booker, J. C. Brown, W. G. Finnie, M. F. L. Haynes, T. G. C. Knight, D. O. Parsons, D. S. Robb, and C. M. Stark.

RECREIO

In their friendly game against Army 2nd XI at King's Park to-morrow, Recreio Juniors will be represented by:

E. A. R. Alves (Capt.), A. E. Noronha, P. M. N. da Silva, H. A. Barros, F. J. Remedios, A. J. M. Prata, J. A. Soares, A. H. Remedios, L. A. Remedios, A. A. Lopes, M. Mendonca.

UNIVERSITY

The following will represent University 2nd XI in a League match against Indian R.C. at Sookunpoo to-morrow:

R. M. Soares, T. C. Lo, T. T. Chin, R. S. Gill, S. Amplavanar, E. Mazuza, J. Ameerali, A. Ahmed, K. S. Ooi, I. H. Tan, and D. Chelliah.

ANSWERS

(Questions on Page 13)

A.1. The referee should stop the game, have the spectator removed from the field of play and handed over to the Club officials, for such legal action as they may deem necessary, and order off the player who struck the spectator. He would also report both cases to the Football Association concerned.

A.2. The player should be ruled offside. N.B. If a player is in an offside position, he cannot put himself onside.

A.3. The referee is the only person with the power to order a player off the field of play. Furthermore a player cannot leave the field of play, except in the case of injury. The captain should be cautioned by the referee for ungentlemanly conduct, and the player who was sent off by the captain should be allowed to return to the field of play after the referee had cautioned him for having left the field without his permission.

A.4. No, but the referee reports the matter to the Football Association concerned. N.B. In all matches played under the jurisdiction of Hong Kong Football Association a player sent off the field of play shall not take part in any match until the alleged offence has been dealt with, but he shall be deemed eligible to play if, after the expiration of 10 days, his case has not been dealt with, provided he himself is not responsible for the delay.

A.5. There is no time limit for a goalkeeper holding the ball.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Farning

SUNDAY

Old Course	
9.16 a.m.	G. T. Harrington, A. M. Mack.
9.20 ..	H. H. Mundy, R. Young.
9.24 ..	F. A. Redmond, S. L. Lloyd.
9.28 ..	G. T. Lowry, A. V. Greaves.
9.32 ..	N. D. Lloyd, D. J. Valentine.
9.36 ..	J. S. Dunnett, A. M. Kennedy.
9.40 ..	D. L. Prophet, E. A. R. Newton.
9.44 ..	P. M. Cotton, H. M. Rowland.
9.48 ..	General Grassett, C. Blaker.
9.52 ..	J. Linaker, T. Low.
9.56 ..	M. A. E. de Haan, J. J. van Mphien.
10.00 ..	C. B. Burgess, R. H. Chalmer.
10.04 ..	D. MacAllister, A. H. Guinness.
10.08 ..	J. P. Sherry, A. Nicol.
10.12 ..	R. H. Gregory, A. D. Humphreys.
10.16 ..	Capt. Thursby, R. K. Valentine.
10.20 ..	I. H. Geare, K. S. Morrison.
10.24 ..	D. S. Robb, G. M. Park.
10.28 ..	A. C. Meredith, F. N. Merritt.
10.32 ..	K. S. Robertson, A. McKeilar.
10.36 ..	D. S. Edward, W. W. C. Shewan.
10.40 ..	G. E. Costello, G. W. Clague.
10.44 ..	M. A. Annett, J. B. Harrison.
10.48 ..	W. J. E. Mackenzie, H. Overy.
10.52 ..	A. B. Purves, T. Megarry.
10.56 ..	J. W. McKee, C. F. Marshall.
11.00 ..	R. C. Gardiner, Lieut. Carter.
11.04 ..	J. G. Jensen, Capt. Barclay.
..	New Course
9.24 a.m.	S. T. Butlin, H. A. Mills.
10.08 ..	T. E. Pearce, D. L. Newbiggin.
10.12 ..	M. H. Turner, J. C. Taylor.
10.20 ..	F. A. M. Elliott, R. C. Stewart.
10.24 ..	Mrs. Turnbull, Mrs. Stewart.

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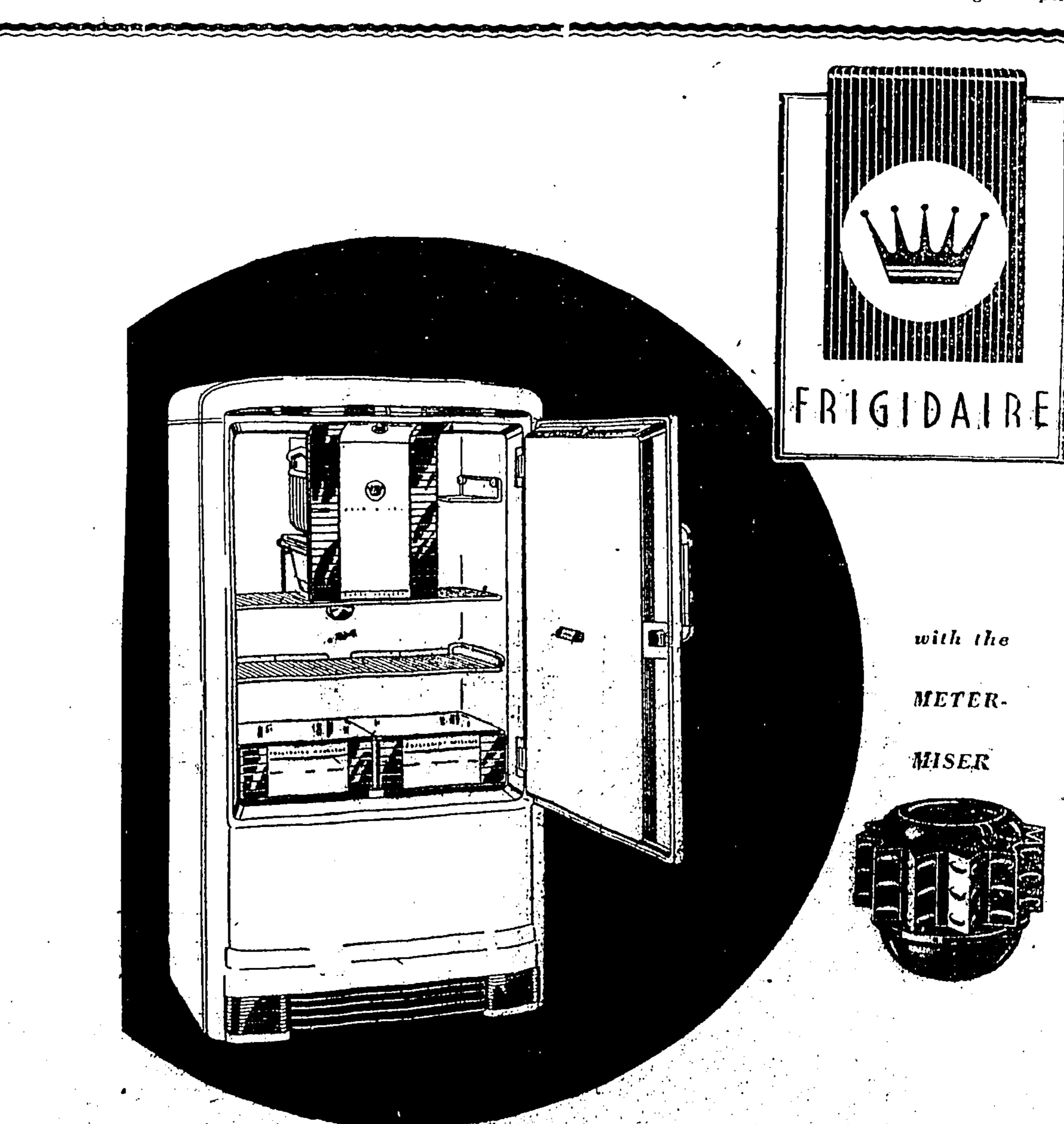
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GREEK SUCCESSES

Athens Announces Very Heavy Italian Casualties

JAPANESE RAID ON KUNMING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Japanese aircraft again bombed Kunming yesterday.

Many buildings, including educational institutions, were destroyed. — Our Own Correspondent.

INFANTRY DECIDING FACTOR

"Teach troops only what it is necessary for them to know during wartime and teach them as if they were under actual war conditions."

This is the keynote of an order regarding military training in 1941 issued by Marshal Timoshenko, Soviet Defence Commissar, in Moscow yesterday.

Marshal Timoshenko stresses the importance of infantry in modern warfare and urges that arms should be so co-ordinated as to secure the maximum advantage for the infantry, "which is the deciding factor in modern battles."

Artillery Breaks Up Counter-Attacks

NEW GREEK SUCCESSES on the Albanian battle-front, with heavy Italian casualties in both killed and wounded, were announced by the Greek Press Ministry yesterday, according to the Athens radio.

Outlining the operations during the past twenty-four hours, the statement says that in one sector, Greek detachments launched a successful attack and dislodged the Italian troops with heavy casualties to the latter.

This operation brought the Greek forces into close proximity of an important military base held by the Italians.

In other sectors, Greek artillery inflicted great losses on the Italians at points where they were about to organise counter-attacks.

Heavy Italian Losses

In an area north of Klissoura, Greek troops are slowly but steadily pushing back the enemy whose forces will eventually be placed in a very difficult situation.

According to a cable sent by the Athens correspondent of the New York "Herald Tribune," the Greek Press Ministry adds that Italian losses in Albania already exceed 60,000 men. — Reuter.

The French Indo-China Thailand Armistice Agreement was signed this morning in Saigon, according to semi-official Japanese reports in Shanghai. — Reuter.

AMERICA SHOULD DECLARE WAR

Mr. James Gerard, who was the United States Ambassador to Germany from 1913 until the United States entered the Great War, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday that he favoured an American declaration of war against Germany.

He predicted the Nazis would seize Mexico if Britain were defeated.

Replying to further questions Mr. Gerard said a declaration of war might not actually be necessary provided President Roosevelt was given fuller powers under the Lease and Lend Bill to aid Britain. — Reuter.

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INDIAN SOLDIER CONVICTED

Convicted for breaking into a storehouse in Whitchfield Barracks and stealing money, some apples, and a tin of milk, Private Ghulam Mohammed, 25, of the Royal Indian Army, was bound over in a bond of £50 and ordered to pay £6 compensation by Mr. E. Hinsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

It was alleged that accused was found in the storehouse at 1.45 a.m. on Monday by a Chinese folk

Police Commissioner for the Proprietary, who reported him to the Central Police Station, London, for trial.

AMERICAN FIRM'S GESTURE

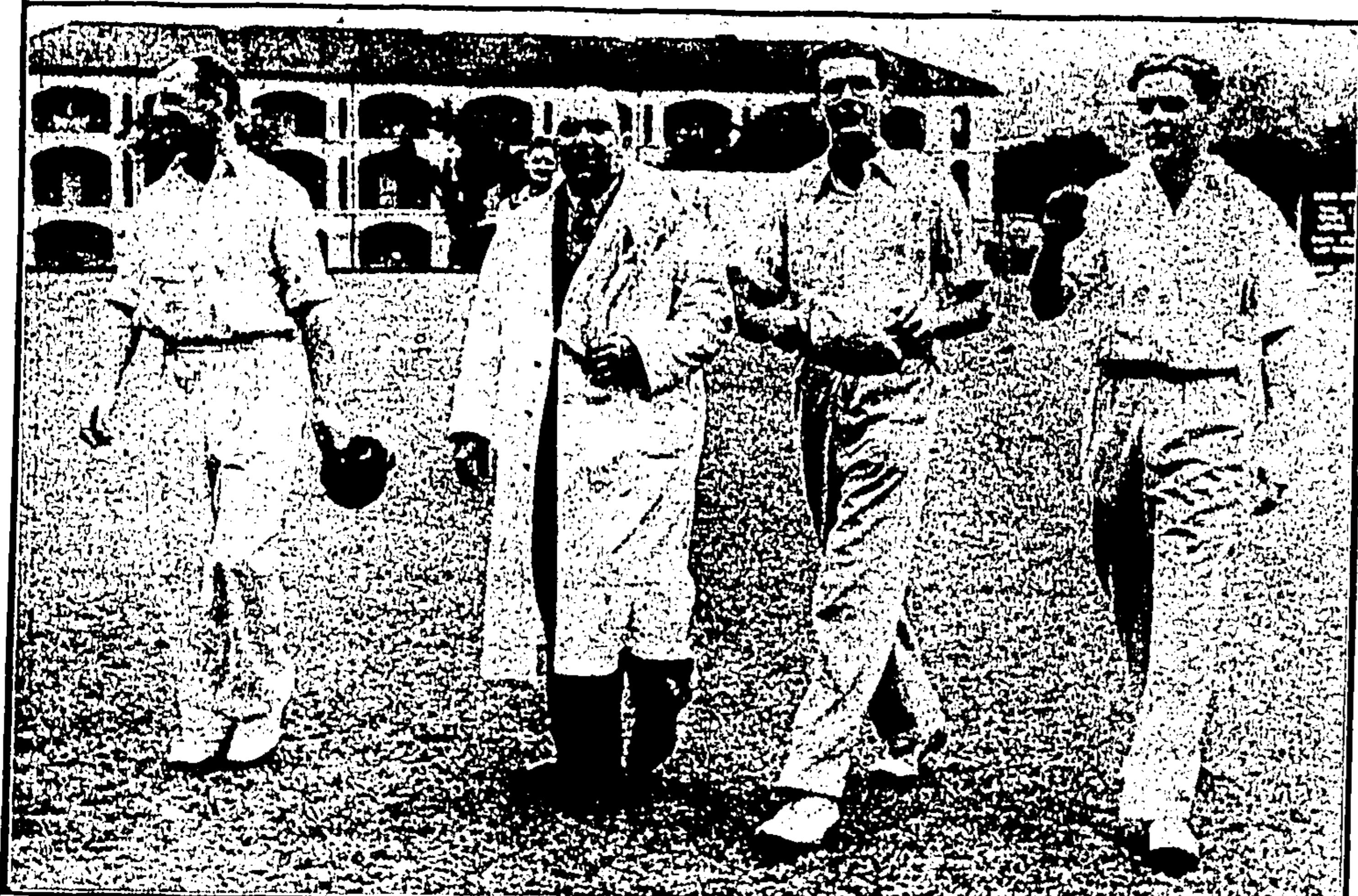
The Beaumont Birch Company of Philadelphia, having decided to give royalties received for exploitation of its patents in Britain to assisting the war effort, a first cheque for £200 has been sent to the Minister of Aircraft Production towards the purchase of a Spitfire. — British Wireless.



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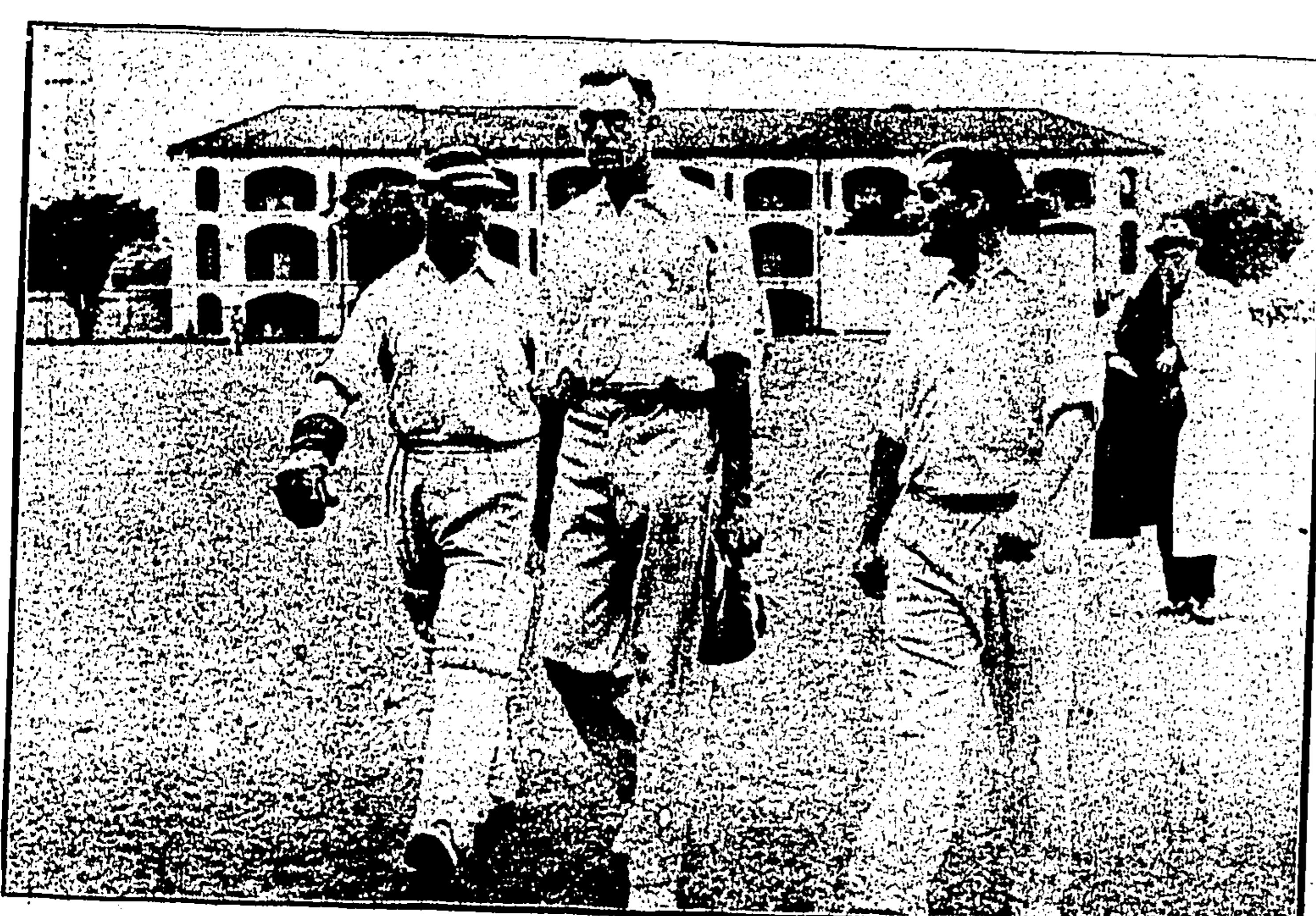
New Year Cricket



Coming in to lunch on the first day of the two-day cricket match between H.K.C.C. and K.C.C. Left to right D. McLellan, who fielded in the absence of D. O. Parsons, C. E. Gahagan (umpire), John Pearce and D. I. Bosanquet.



D. I. Bosanquet and A. E. Perry coming in to lunch on the first day of the two-day cricket match between H.K.C.C. and K.C.C.



Another group of H.K.C.C. fieldsmen. Left to right D. C. E. Grose, H. Owen Hughes, A. E. Perry, and in background, J. P. Robinson, the K.C.C. umpire.



The Civilians defeated the Royal Navy by four goals to one in the Lai Wah Cup Competition at the Kowloon Football Club last Sunday. Photo shows the winning team. (Tong).



N. A. E. Mackay (left) and E. C. Fincher, who put on 105 for the sixth wicket in Kowloon Cricket Club's first innings against Hong Kong Cricket Club in the two-day match over the holidays, after five wickets had fallen for 20. H.K.C.C. won the match by six wickets.

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SHORT STORY

Paid-Up Member

By Will R. Bird

It was raining a little at noon, but Simon Lasher drove out to his corner lot with the disc harrow. He had seen Dickie go up the back road, and he meant to intercept him as he returned; he had cleaned and oiled his old army rifle, and he meant to use it.

Simon gritted his teeth as he drove. Jim Dickie had asked for trouble. He had come into the settlement and bought the farm that Simon was on the point of buying. True, he and Hank Wheeler, had disagreed on the price, but what right had an outsider to come in and pay more than the land was worth? Then insult added to injury, Dickie had taken Simon's girl from him. It was carrying things too far.

Simon hurried his horses. He must get to the road corner a few minutes before Dickie came in sight. He held the rifle and a shovel between his knees, and he swung his whip sharply. Folks said Simon never drove without a whip, but how could one hurry horses without it? And where would he be if he had not hurried? In ten years he had paid for his farm, and now had his house in readiness for a bride.

At the corner of the field he stopped his horses. The ground dipped slightly, forming a small hollow, and he dug in the centre of it, scooping a short, shallow trench. He had not got it as deep as he wished when he saw the horses prick up their ears. Someone was coming. He dropped his shovel. Jim Dickie was plodding past, his head down to the fine rain. Simon sneered. Not one but Dickie would go in a rain to Hank Wheeler's Post Office.

"He comes regular," Hank had reported. "He gets soldier magazines and Legion papers. He's a paid-up member, if he does live out here."

"Paid-up member!" Simon had jeered. "What good's that to him? Will it help him farm?"

He pretended to be tinkering with the disc harrow. The rifle was on the ground behind the discs.

"Hi!" he called. "Been for mail? Come over I want to show you something."

Dickie turned, his pale face friendly.

"Yes, I got something I been expecting, something special for returned men. . . ."

"Come an' see where I been diggin'," Simon interrupted.

He hated soldier stuff, as he hated this man who had won to his hoeing contentedly. Mary Hawkins from him and the solemn way in which Dickie would recite "In Flanders Fields." Such rot!

Mary and he had quarrelled when he criticised the poem, and Mary had refused him her company. And now, a friend had told Simon in the morning, she and Dickie were to be married as soon as school ended. So Simon had cleaned his rifle.

Dickie carefully fished an envelope from his wet jacket as he came to where Simon had dug. "See what the Legion sent me," he said proudly, holding it out. "It's—"

Crack! The sullen report of a rifle. Simon had looped the reins about his wrists before he fired, and for a moment he was busy jerking the horses to a standstill, then he swung them round to where the limp body was pitched, face down, half into the cavity. His aim had been true. A dreadful redness was welling from the collar of Dickie's shirt. "Blast you!" Simon grated. "You kin be a paid-up member of that hole till the Kingdom come."

The horses quieted, and Simon caught up the shovel. He had heard the chugging of a wheezy motor in the distance. It was Hank Wheeler's car. A twist of his heel buried the envelope Dickie had dropped, a single push straightened the body in the trench. He flung the rifle in beside the dead man and shovelled hurriedly. When the old flivver came in sight Simon was seated on his harrow, and had just crossed the spaded earth. Twenty minutes later no one could have found the spot where he had dug.

At six o'clock Wheeler knocked at Simon's door. He was county sheriff as well as postmaster. "Did you see Jim Dickie this afternoon?" he asked bluntly.

"Yes, I did, Hank," Simon said. "He passed when I was harrowing. Why?"

"He ain't been seen since," said Hank, as bluntly as before.

"That's strange!" Simon stimulated surprise. "Maybe he's at one of the neighbours."

"I been all around," Hank said. "You don't know anything, eh?"

"Me? No I don't, Hank," Simon said smoothly. "I'll send word if I see him."

Three months had passed since

Jim Dickie vanished. Simon went to his hoeing contentedly. Mary was recovering from the shock, had got her colour back. He would go and call on her in a few days.

He pulled weeds with a vim.

Everything had gone better than he expected. There hadn't been much fuss over Dickie's disappearance, not as much as he had dreaded. And Dickie's Legion had been a joke. An official of some kind had come one day and talked with Hank—that was all that had been done. Paid-up member—pooh!

Hank had never seemed the same, but perhaps the sheriff's complete failure to find a clue to Dickie's murderer accounted for that. Simon had often looked at

the corner lot, now a shimmering green, inches deep. Who would guess its secret? It was good ground and the rain was doing fine. In the autumn he would scoop more earth in the hollow at the corner, fill it in.

When he reached the house at supper time Hank Wheeler and an officer from the city met him. Handcuffs were snapped on Simon's wrists before he could take in what had been said. Hank enlightened him.

"What—me—arrested for murdérin' Dickie?" Simon shouted. "You're crazy. I don't know nothin' about him."

"No?" Hank's voice sent shivers up Simon's spine. "You'll have a

hard time makin' the judge believe that. You borrowed that field the day Jim was killed—and it was your rifle we found beside him."

"You—you—found—" Simon's face whitened, became ghastly. He seemed to wilt.

"We did," Hank said grimly. "All I been doin' was watch that field of yours. I knew they'd sprout if they was near the surface."

Simon licked his dry lips. "What—sprouted?" He whispered.

"Poppies," Wheeler snapped, as they led Simon to his car. "Jim got an envelope full of seed that day—a special good kind the Legion sent to paid-up members."

U.S. Defence Needs

Evidence is accumulating that the United States is badly in need of an Esher commission.

Needs Liaison With Congress

After the South African war had exposed some of the defects of the British defence machine, a royal commission headed by Lord Esher was appointed to make a study of the problems of imperial defence and their relation to foreign and economic policies. Out of the report of this commission grew the organisation known as the Committee of Imperial Defence, which in time of war merges its identity with that of the War Cabinet. In essence, it provides a planning and co-ordinating agency for the study of the defence of the empire and for the giving of advice to the duly constituted authorities on defence matters. It has a permanent secretariat, and a permanent place in the governmental structure, operating continuously in peace as in war.

The United States possesses no such agency. Many proposals have been put forward from time to time; but obviously what is required at the outset is a thorough study of the whole problem by an "Esher commission" composed of men of capacity and experience of such standing as to command public confidence, and with access to all the information in possession of the various departments and agencies of the government, and to all the advice of those currently engaged in dealing with

ters assures Parliamentary representation and liaison, because ministers are ipso facto members of Parliament. With us, some means of direct liaison with the interested committees of the two houses of Congress, foreign affairs, military affairs, naval affairs and appropriations, would be essential.

The writer was formerly in favour of actual Congressional membership in our National Defence Commission, but the division of executive and legislative powers which is a basic feature of our government seems to place obstacles in the way of that idea, besides the practical objection that if all interested committees and both major parties are represented the commission becomes too large for efficient operation.

Another point to be kept in mind is the impossibility (without courting disaster) of divorcing planning from responsibility. The men responsible for the execution of the national defence plans must have a hand in the making of those plans. Moreover, such a plan is not a thing which, when a certain point is reached, may be laid away with a satisfied sigh as a finished job. It is rather a living organism, subject to daily revision as conditions change, and must be constantly kept up to date by those who are associated with it not only as a plan, but as a responsibility.

There must therefore be found a means of reconciling the objection often made to the present joint board—that its members are busy men with jobs of their own which take the major portion of their time—and a method of associating the making of plans with the responsibility for their execution. The writer does not pretend to be able to proffer a solution for this problem, certainly not within the limits of one short article; it is one which requires thorough study and no doubt experiment to some degree before the ideal arrangement can be worked out.

Purposes Must Be Defined

But that the effort must be made is apparent, growing more so every day. The present defence commission is concerned with procurement only. Suppose it is required to produce 50,000 planes. The soldier will say, "What kind of planes? Where are you going to operate? Over what distances? Against what kind of targets? Under what conditions? Do you want all bombers, long range or short range, or do you want pursuit planes, observation planes, and so on?"

In other words, in every major decision of procurement there are tactical, strategical and political elements which must be considered. There is no way of providing a fighting force or a munitions industry which will be worth anything at all without deciding what purpose this force or this industry is meant to serve, and under what conditions it may be required to operate. No one is now making these decisions, or if they are being made the country is not being informed of it.

It may well be suggested that no greater measure toward assuring the public confidence and indeed public enthusiasm in and for the defence programme could be taken than the resolution of some of these difficulties, the bringing of some degree of order out of the present confusion. The resources of this nation are not infinite, nor is the time at our disposal. The best use of those resources, and of that precious and perhaps dwindling time margin, can only be made if we now begin to sort them out into something resembling a pattern of military and political order, rather than the kaleidoscopic mess which is all that even informed observers can now perceive.

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BOMBED BRITAIN

(Noted American newspaper man and radio commentator, who spent the first eight months of the war in Berlin, and is now an observer in Britain)

To a neutral observer, travelling through the British Isles nowadays, the sight of homes and buildings wrecked by German bombs is not nearly so impressive as the spirit of the British people.

Arrested, now and then, by the hideous debris of what once was a worker's cosy cottage, or the gaunt skeleton of a former office building, one may ponder the destruction wrought by "man's inhumanity to man."

But one can only marvel at the courage of those who, surviving such destruction, still carry on with unflinching cheerfulness and confidence.

For there is no denying that the Nazis have failed in their principal object, which was the terrorisation of the civil population. By that, they hoped to shatter British morale; by that, they hoped to paralyse British industries; and thus bring about an early peace which, alone, would enable them to win the present war.

This failure has been due, primarily, to the ability of the British civil population to adapt itself to present circumstances; an adaptation all the more remarkable in a nation that is, by nature, comfort-loving, easy-going and peaceful.

Nazi mentalities being what they are, it is easy to understand how they would confuse such qualities with "decadence"; how they would conclude that, since martial swagger and vainglorious boasting did not have the same appeal to the British masses as they had to their own, the British had "gone soft."

If anything was needed to prick this bubble of Nazi imagination—or lack of it—the manner in which the British masses have endured the most intensive raids has done so effectively and unequivocally.

Go where you will in Britain, and you will hear no grousing; you will hear no whimpering nor complaining. You will hear only indignation at the brutality of Nazi methods; defiance of Nazi military power; and everywhere a reiterated determination that, at whatever cost, the war must be won.

What Raids Are Like

As a war correspondent, I have experienced air raids in Finland, Norway and elsewhere, and as a

result this crystallisation of British sentiment, this stiffening of British morale, resulting from indiscriminate bombings in London and other British cities and towns, did not surprise me.

My experience has been that people who have never been in air raids imagine them to be much worse than they are in reality.

That is, perhaps, only natural. Newspaper accounts of hundreds killed by bombs, and whole city blocks in ruins, fire imaginations.

—By—
WARREN IRVIN

The average newspaper reader may not stop to reason that a few hundred killed in a city of nine million souls is tragic—but not necessarily important; nor that a whole city block destroyed in a city with an area of 443,455 acres is even less important.

And, on occasion, when investigating reports of the destruction of whole city blocks, I have been surprised to find that the damage was, in fact, confined to three or four buildings in the block.

How They Took It

On September 7, when the Nazis began their intensive raids, I was in London. The raid, on that particular day, was one of the worst London has had. Few of the others since compared with it. I made it a point to observe the reactions of the people. The worst damage was in the poorer sections of the East End. I went over there, and talked with many of those whose homes had been destroyed.

Some of them had been working for twenty or thirty years to pay for those homes; and, in a flash, all their possessions had been wiped out.

Yet, to my amazement, I found that they were much more concerned with their neighbours' losses than with their own.

"I'm lucky", one man said to me. "I've lost my home. But I've still got my missus, and my job. My brother-in-law has lost both his missus and his home. He's got three kiddies, and no job."

Another man held up a battered suit case. "This is all my

missus and I have to show for thirty years of scraping and saving," he said. "But it's all part of the war—and if our boys give it back to them in Berlin, it's all right with us."

But the poorer districts weren't the only ones bombed. A few days later, the Nazis bombed the fashionable residential sections of the West End, and then, Buckingham Palace.

Poor and rich, royalty and commoners—all were victims of Nazi bombs; and all were united, as Britons, by a common bond of suffering. The rich did what they could to help the poor, to find other quarters for them, to provide food and clothing for them. There were thousands of homeless poor. The relief problem was gigantic. But they were cared for. Factory workers went to their jobs as usual; and industrial output was scarcely affected.

London Takes Cover

Still, in these early days, there was some anxiety; there were some people who couldn't sleep because of the noise made by the bombs and anti-aircraft guns—quite a few people, women especially. Then London began to move underground. Queues appeared at dusk before the entrances to the big public shelters; the doors were drawn open; the people flocked in—and slept.

A strange life for Londoners, this, burrowing like moles into the earth's surface. Not so comfortable as the peacetime life in their own homes. But it was safe; and, in time, it became reasonably comfortable. At least, the people got used to it; learned to adapt themselves.

It meant a sacrifice of privacy, of course; it meant community living.

But it had its advantages, as well as disadvantages. It brought the people closer together; it made them realise that war necessitated sacrifices—by all classes alike.

And life in the shelters wasn't so bad. Some of the people brought musical instruments, and entertained their fellows. Some of the women organised knitting or sewing circles. There was plenty of conversation; and there was plenty of humour.

Facing It With A Smile

Indeed, the war seems to have made a special appeal to the British sense of humour. One encounters it on all sides. One sees it scrawled in chalk on the blackboards being used as posters by the news vendors.



A bearded Italian airman seen in London. (Copyright, Fox).

"Italy wins the Boat Race" was British people. It is true, not only of London, but of other cities and the small provincial towns. It is true of the towns even along the Channel coast; towns that are in the very shadow of the threatened German invasion. It is true of the country districts.

Shopkeepers, too, are contributing their share. In one street, where the windows of most of the shops were shattered by a bomb explosion, one shop hung out a sign: "Open as Usual." Whereupon the shop next door hung out a sign: "More Open Than Usual." That, after weeks of intensive the worst—to face it with a

air raids, is the spirit of the smile.

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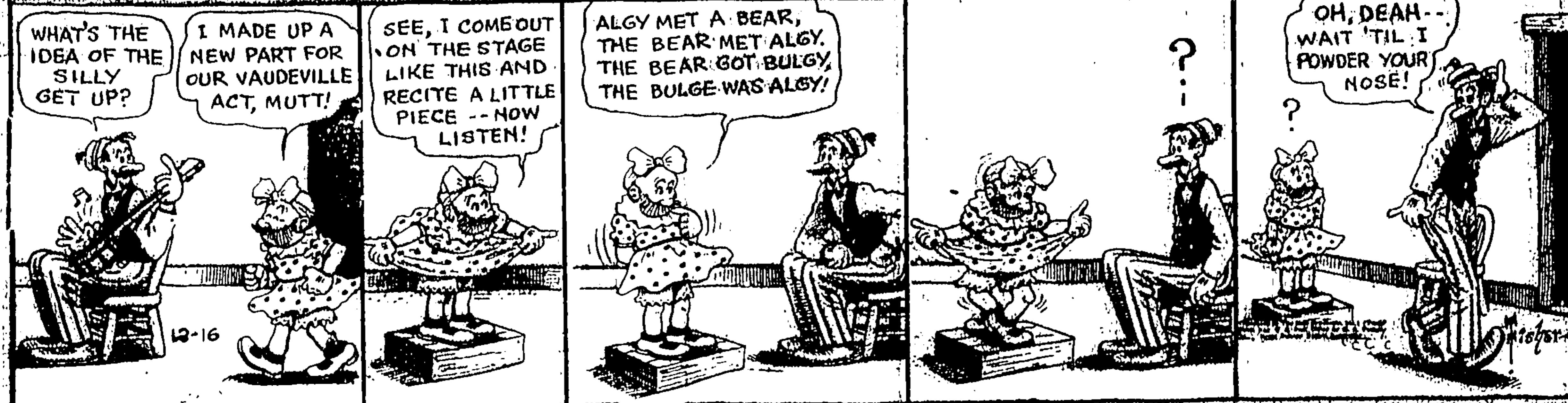
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HOT PIES with Browned Potato Tops

by Dorothy Greig

DAD was a great rooter for hot pies. "My, that smells good!" he'd say as mother set before him one of her triumphs crowned with potatoes freshly browned from the oven.

Then, as the serving spoon dipped through into the center releasing further savory whiffs of meat and vegetables, dad would bow grandly in mother's direction and announce with a flourish, "Chil-

stir well. Then add turkey gravy, turkey, cooked carrots, cooked celery and water. Pour into a baking dish and cover top with mashed potatoes. Put into a hot



AFTER THE BLITZ AT COVENTRY—This remarkable picture shows a scene in one of the streets at Coventry following the visit by the German raiders. (Copyright, Fox).



There were scenes of devastation at Coventry following the attack made by German bombers at night. Photo shows an amazing picture at Coventry. Pedestrians are seen making their way carefully through streets of the city. (Copyright, Fox).

(Right)—A photograph taken during the Scotland-England Rugby encounter at Happy Valley.

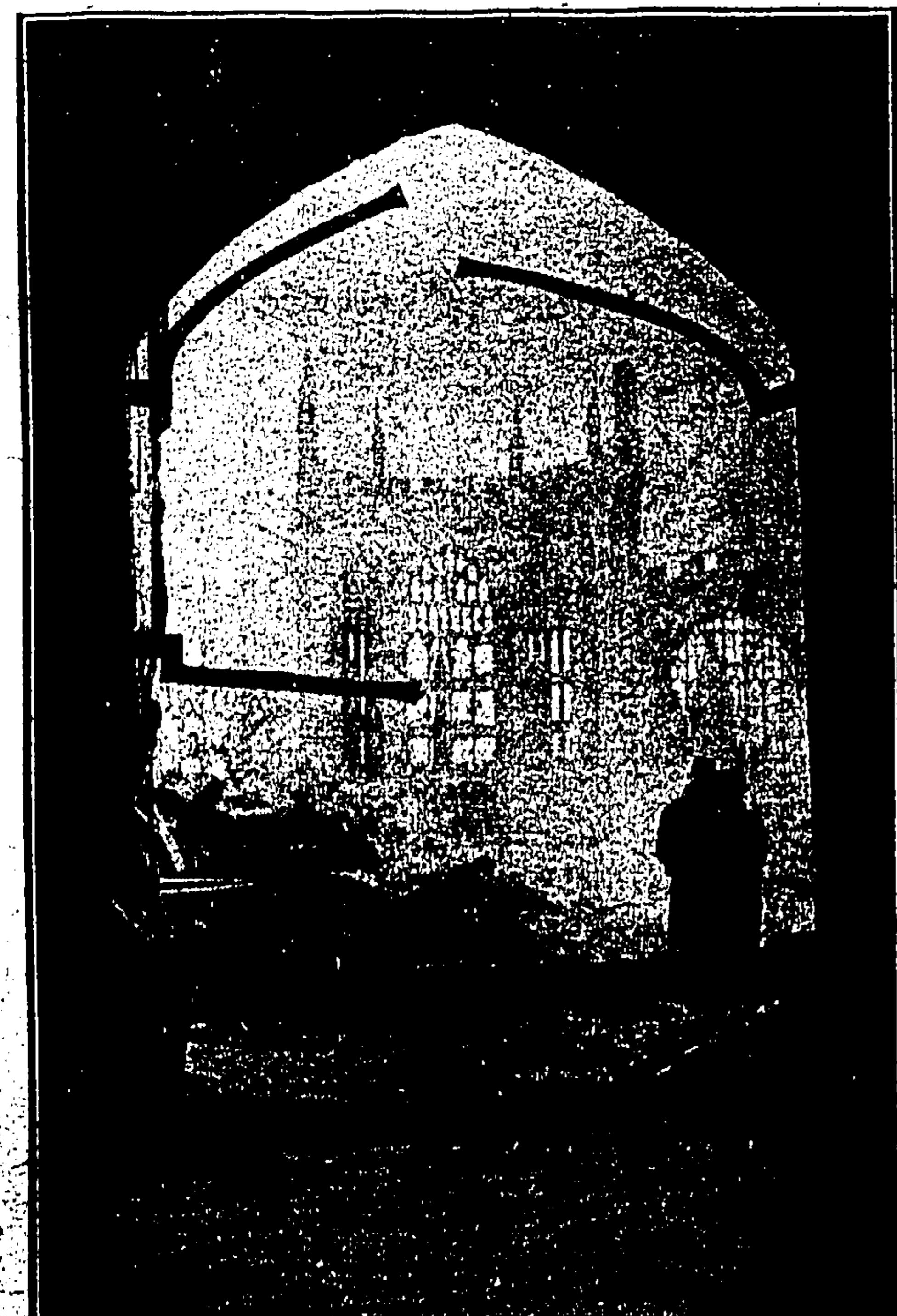


Photo shows Coventry Cathedral in the centre of the city is completely ruined by the vicious bombing. (Copyright, Fox).

(Right)—Some of the crowd who turned out to watch the Rugby encounter between Scotland and England.



Robinson saving a corner shot in the Lai Wah Cup Competition last Sunday at the Kowloon Football Club.



Banker, of the Army, Intercepting Lee Wal-tong's movement, rushed out and prevented the opposition from scoring during the Lai Wah Cup Competition last Sunday.

